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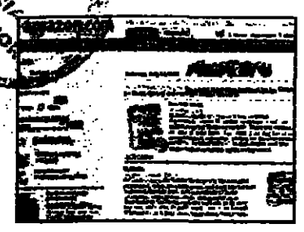
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Strashnov courted defense lawyer, Zichroni claims

By DAN IZENBERG

Attorney Amnon Zichroni's petition to the High Court of Justice, aimed at securing a retrial for his client, Nahum Manbar, was based on the allegedly incriminating relationships of a former employee, 26-year-old Pninat Yanai, with three key figures.

The three are Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov, General Security Service agent "Nir," said to have headed the investigation of Manbar, and Shai Bazak, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman.

Zichroni also said Yanai had told him that Netanyahu had spoken to Strashnov frequently during Manbar's trial.

The allegations included in the petition were based on the sworn testimonies of Manbar, his brother, Zvi, his wife, Francine, and Yanai's former boyfriend, who was not named by Zichroni, but was identified by Yanai as Ziv Chen.

Based on these testimonies, Zichroni charged that Yanai had maintained close contact with Strashnov – who heads the three-judge panel in Manbar's trial – throughout the proceedings.

According to the petition, the 51-year-old Strashnov had courted Yanai while the latter had interned for him between September 1996 and March 1997, and the two had established some sort of sexual relationship.

After she left his office, the two remained in contact. Strashnov allegedly continued to pursue Yanai sexually, and the two frequently discussed the trial.

Yanai joined Zichroni's firm at the end of May 1997, after Manbar's trial had begun, and was assigned to work on Manbar's defense team.

Zichroni charged that after he fired Yanai, she continued to remain in contact with Manbar and his wife, and even went to an Asian country to pick up documents on his behalf despite Zichroni's opposition.

Zichroni alleged that there was good reason to believe that when she returned, she withheld from Manbar some of the material, which turned out to be incriminatory, and handed it over to Strashnov.

Based on Chen's affidavit, Zichroni wrote that during the period that Yanai interned for Strashnov, "he tried to seduce her to have sexual relations with him. According to her, there were 'almost [sexual] acts,' 'removal of clothes,' 'hugs and kisses,' and 'in some cases the judge seized her and put her on the desk against her will, though she took it as a joke.'"



Judge Amnon Strashnov (Israel Sun)

Chen said he saw notes written by Strashnov to Yanai while they sat beside each other in court, saying 'Move closer to me. I see that you're cold,' 'I'd like to put my big one into you.'"

The relations allegedly continued after she started working for Zichroni.

"Strashnov frequently called Yanai on her cellular phone, and she would tell [Chen] about the phone calls and say that Strashnov was courting her. In two cases, Yanai let Chen overhear what Strashnov was saying to her.

"He heard Strashnov invite her to meet him so that they could have intimate relations and he would say to her: 'When will we meet?,' 'Let's find a place,' 'When can I finally come to your place?'"

Chen also said Strashnov invited her to join him during his upcoming sabbatical in the US.

Based on Manbar's affidavit, Zichroni charged that Yanai said "she talks to the judge about the case and about Manbar's attorneys and asked [Manbar] to keep it a secret."

She also began talking behind Zichroni's back, telling Manbar that Zichroni was actually acting on

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'Stand down in Manbar case'

Zichroni to ask Strashnov to disqualify himself today

By DAN IZENBERG

Attorney Amnon Zichroni said he will today ask Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov to disqualify himself from the case of his client, Nahum Manbar, because Strashnov allegedly discussed the trial with a former lawyer from Zichroni's office.

A panel of three judges – Strashnov, Shelly Timen, and Ze'ev Hammer – is to hear pleas for Manbar's sentencing today by the state and Zichroni. On June 17, the three judges found Manbar guilty of treason for selling material, equipment, and know-how to Iran for its chemical warfare program.

By law Zichroni must ask Strashnov to disqualify himself at a hearing in Strashnov's own courtroom. The hearing will give Strashnov the first opportunity to formally respond to Zichroni's charges.

Yesterday, a panel of three High Court justices rejected a petition by Zichroni asking it to nullify the trial, because of Strashnov's alleged links with Pninat Yanai, 26, a lawyer who apprenticed in Strashnov's office for six months and then joined Zichroni's firm, where she worked for a year.

Zichroni also called on the court to order the attorney-general to launch a criminal investigation into allegations of breach of trust and obstructing justice.

Zichroni also charged that Yanai had close ties with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, and that Netanyahu had been in touch with Strashnov during the trial.

He added that Yanai had been in contact with a General Security Service agent named "Nir" who had headed the Manbar investigation.

The judges rejected his petition, however, ruling that Zichroni should make use of the standard legal procedures for pressing his demands. These include asking the judge to disqualify himself from the case, or appealing Manbar's conviction to the Supreme Court and asking it to accept as new information the charges raised in the petition.

The court drama was enhanced by the presence of Yanai, who asked to add her name to the petition as a respondent and hired Avigdor Feldman to represent her.

Yanai sat alone on the front bench and listened as Zichroni, her former boss, repeated his accusations that she had had romantic relations with Strashnov and that the two had remained in close touch during the year she worked for Zichroni.

Outside in the corridor, surrounded by an army of photographers and journalists, she denied Zichroni's charges and launched a counterattack.

Zichroni's accusations are "a low and despicable act of brutality," said Yanai. "He was very insulted that he lost the Manbar case. His reputation was damaged and he is intoxicated with his good name. So he decided to go one step too far. He is blaming me for his failure."

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As for her relations with Strashnov, Yanai said: "I did not have any romantic or intimate relationship [with him.] I had a friendly, close relationship. He is a very nice man, a very friendly man. I had casual conversations with the judge, conversations which had nothing to do in any way with the trial."

Yanai added that anyone who knows Strashnov knows that he would have "hung up the phone or kicked her out of the office" had she dared to raise the Manbar trial with him.

She accused Zichroni of hiring her for one purpose only, so as to exploit her connections with Strashnov to help win the case.

She also denied Zichroni's charges that she had discussed the case with Bazak or that she had ever claimed that Netanyahu had been in touch with Strashnov during the trial.

Feldman charged that Zichroni knew all along that his petition had no chance of being accepted.

"It was a way of putting pressure on the judge and threatening him," said Feldman. "It was obvious that from a legal point of view the petition did not stand a chance. Zichroni submitted it not in order to win, but to gain publicity."

Zichroni denied a charge made by Uzi Fogelman, the head of the High Court department of the Justice Ministry, that Zichroni's petition was based on hearsay.

"We have solid material based on direct evidence," said Zichroni. "We have written depositions and additional material."

He called for all the parties to undergo lie detector tests.

"When my accusers are tested, the lie detector will explode," said Zichroni.

Last night, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi warned that Zichroni's accusations against Strashnov and the violation of the temporary publication ban imposed by the court on Monday by MKs, including Nissim Zvilli (Labor), further undermined the rule of law.

"It is hard to understand how responsible people, public officials, public figures and community leaders fail to understand the practical consequences of this dangerous development," said Hanegbi.

"Veiled threats, unacceptable pressure from politicians, misuse of the judicial process, ignoring of judicial decisions – all of these undermine the foundations of our democratic society," he said.

Yesterday's High Court hearing was opened to the press after the court decided to lift a publication ban imposed on Monday at the request of the state.

The judges ruled that, from both a legal and practical point of view, there was no point to the ban. For one thing, the decision to lift the temporary ban was based on the principle of open access to judicial hearings. For another, many of the details had already been published and there was no point in maintaining it any longer.

Zichroni argued that he had filed the petition because the attorney-general's office had refused his request the previous week to launch an investigation into the allegations he had raised.

But one official said that Zichroni was disingenuous, because he had known all along that the attorney-general could not begin an investigation of Strashnov while Manbar's trial was still in progress.



Attorney Pninat Yanai in the High Court of Justice yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Zichroni steers through legal, political minefield

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Amnon Zichroni, Nahum Manbar's attorney, has clearly been facing a difficult dilemma over the past few weeks. He has known that if the information which he believes he possesses regarding an intimate relationship between attorney Pninat Yanai and Judge Amnon Strashnov and intervention by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the matter is true, it could possibly score him a victory in a high-profile case.

He has also known that this would create a political and legal earthquake.

Upon scrutiny, however, what he has appears to be evidence which is too weak in both quantity and quality to prove his allegations.

His main witness, Yanai's ex-boyfriend Ziv Chen, has been described by her as an unstable man seeking revenge. And even if Yanai substantiated his claims in her taped conversations with Francine Manbar, she may have either been telling the truth or simply bragging in the way some lawyers sometimes do to impress their clients.

So what was he to do? What strategy to pursue?

Zichroni had the option of petitioning for Strashnov to disqualify himself from the case. But this would have been problematic. This petition would be heard by Strashnov himself, and probably, more importantly, according to many legal analysts, the judge's removal at this stage would not change Manbar's fate.

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Rubin says US retains a certain degree of optimism for talks

By HILLEL KUTTLER, JAY BUSHINSKY, STEVE RODAN, and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Government officials put a positive spin yesterday on State Department Spokesman James Rubin's remark Monday that the "ball is in the court of the Israelis" regarding the IDF's redeployment in the West Bank.

The officials said it was a signal to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he should "organize" direct talks with the Palestinian Authority.

Rubin kept up the focus on the Israeli-Palestinian deadlock yesterday, saying the US is trying to "retain a certain degree of optimism" and declining to speculate on what would happen if the peace bid does not succeed.

"I'd rather not speculate for you now what we will do if it doesn't work out," he told reporters.

In an apparent nudge to Netanyahu, Rubin stated further that creating an infrastructure to fight terrorism "would happen better if the agreement were reached."

Rubin's remarks Monday put the onus squarely on Israel for breaking the deadlock with the Palestinians. Still, Netanyahu's director of communication, David Bar-Illan, said: "Perhaps this will bring about the kind of bilateral negotiations which should take place."

The Palestinian Authority, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction yesterday with the US for blaming Israel for the current stalemate. But it rejected a US appeal Friday that it hold direct talks with Israel.

"We don't accept talks without developments on the ground," Nabil Amr, an adviser to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said. "This [redeployment] is the most important element in the talks and there is no alternative for this."

A senior Israeli government source attributed Rubin's words to a "misunderstanding in Washington" about the contents of the prime minister's speech Monday to a visiting Israel Bonds group from the US and Canada.

Netanyahu's endorsement of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's call for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue and his proposal that the two sides go into marathon bargaining "evidently was reported incorrectly," the source said.

This was said to have upset the Palestinians and to have prompted Rubin's remark as a means of soothing and reassuring them.

Netanyahu said that "the gap between the US and Israel is very small" and contended that "significant progress was achieved in recent weeks." However, he noted that there are problems insofar as the Palestinians' willingness to comply to standing commitments to stamp out terrorism is concerned.

Following up on Albright's call Friday for direct talks, Netanyahu proposed that the two sides "engage in continuous discussions until their completion." He blamed the PA for suspending the bilateral talks 15 months ago, because of the Har Homa construction issue.

"If you're serious about peace you don't cut off negotiations because of a housing project," he said.

Netanyahu insisted yesterday that he is doing everything he can to expedite a deal.

"When I am convinced that we have a good arrangement of the kind I have been working to achieve, one which provides security, protects the Israeli settlements, and safeguards national interests while strictly requiring Palestinian compliance with obligations undertaken, I will not hesitate to bring it to the government and the Knesset," he said.

Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak also signalled possible movement toward an agreement when he announced that its terms will not be put to a national referendum.

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Israel third country to license Viagra

By JUDY SIEGEL

In two weeks, the anti-impotence drug Viagra will be sold at pharmacies around the country and be available with a prescription from any physician.

The Health Ministry's pharmaceutical registration committee approved Pfizer's application for licensing yesterday, making Israel the third country in the world, after the US and Holland, to license the drug. Germany, Turkey, and England will be next.

During the past few months, the drug has been brought in by a limited number of pharmacies as a personal import, selling at NIS 55 per pill. All doctors who prescribed it had to fill out a special patient's application that was examined by the district health officer.

The health and customs authorities remain on the lookout against the smuggling into the country of real Viagra, and the marketing of counterfeit blue, diamond-shaped pills.

The ministry stressed yesterday that Viagra should not be prescribed to patients who suffer from only occasional or minor problems of impotence, and certainly not to healthy men seeking an aphrodisiac.

In addition, the drug bears warnings about contraindications: patients who take nitroglycerin or other nitrates for heart problems must not take it. A person who takes Viagra and feels unwell must tell his doctors he took it, to avoid being given inappropriate treatment.

The ministerial committee looked into data on a few dozen men who died abroad and one case of a death here after taking Viagra, but concluded that the benefits outweigh the risks.

Avi Raz, owner of Jerusalem's Alba pharmacies, which have sold "hundreds" of Viagra pills at NIS 55 apiece during the past few months, predicts the price will now go down somewhat.

He speculated that the deaths were due to sudden and unaccustomed physical activity by elderly men who had been unable to have sex for years.

Raz said the pill can help about 50 percent of impotent men. It must not be taken by pregnant women, despite reports that it facilitates female orgasm, because of reported risks to the fetus.

PA policeman beats up IDF soldier on joint patrol

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A Palestinian policeman on the sensitive joint patrols in the Gaza Strip yesterday beat up his Israeli Border Police counterpart in a fight over how to conduct their mission of peace.

The patrol was halted for the afternoon as senior Israeli and Palestinian officers looked into the matter and tried to smooth things over.

The border policeman, meanwhile, was hospitalized with a head injury at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, where he was said to be suffering from light wounds.

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NEWS
in brief

Bentsur dismisses Foreign Ministry's executive

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur yesterday dismissed all 16 members of his ministry's executive committee after a series of incidents that culminated in recent media reports about the arrangements he made to attend several World Cup matches in France.

"The straw that broke the camel's back was a recent report about his travels broadcast on Army Radio," a senior ministry source said. However, the source said Bentsur's ire was kindled beforehand by several leaks to the mass media of which he strongly disapproved. After taking this unprecedented action, Bentsur immediately appointed a new executive consisting of only six members, all of whom were described by a political insider as "his closest cronies." *Jay Bushinsky*

Hoter-Yishai charged with contempt of court

Israel Bar Association head Dror Hoter-Yishai was charged yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court with contempt of court, for comments he made earlier this year to Magistrate's Court Judge Ziva Hadassi-Herman after she convicted him of tax evasion.

Hoter-Yishai was later acquitted of the charges on appeal.

"I have just spent one-and-a-half hours listening to the court read out this stupid verdict," Hoter-Yishai said, after his February conviction. "The State of Israel cannot be a state of law if verdicts of this kind exist."

He also accused the judiciary and the prosecution of ganging up against those who, like himself, dare criticize it. *Itim*

Fire in Defense Ministry

A small fire broke out on the sixth floor of the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv last night causing some damage but no injuries. Workers were evacuated from the building as fire-fighters extinguished the blaze.

An initial investigation found that a photocopy machine short-circuited, setting fire to the room it was in and damaging other equipment, including some computers, defense officials said. The room was next to the office of Uri Lubrani, coordinator of government activities in Lebanon. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and the director- general of the ministry, Ilan Biran, were updated of the incident and ordered a full investigation, the officials said. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Palestinian attacks border policeman

A Palestinian man attacked and lightly injured a border policeman on Sultan Suleiman street in east Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, police sources said.

A group of border policemen had stopped the Palestinian man, a resident of Silwan, and asked to search him. He refused and began attacking police. After subduing and searching him, they found a large knife and brought him in for questioning. *Amy Klein*

Hebron Jews: Don't give the PA Ingrams

The Hebron Jewish community yesterday expressed concern over the impending transfer of Ingram machine pistols to the Palestinian Authority, saying they will endanger the community.

The Palestinian Police is to receive about 100 Ingrams from Israel in accordance with the Hebron Accords during the next few weeks. The Ingram fires a 9mm. bullet like that of an Uzi, but is "far more dangerous," according to community spokesman David Wilder.

The prime minister's communications director, David Bar-Illan, said the Ingrams will be exchanged for Kalashnikov assault rifles, which are considered more of a threat. *Noah Streit*

Israel at risk for strong earthquake

It's only a matter of time before a strong earthquake hits Israel, and there's a reasonable chance it could hit Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa simultaneously, seismology experts told the Knesset Science and Technology Committee yesterday.

Dr. Avi Shapira, head of the seismological branch of the Institute for Petroleum and Geophysics, said that Israel is exposed to earthquake dangers.

"In places where fatal quakes have occurred, strong ones will hit in the future," he said. *Judy Siegel*

Several exposed to fumes at toxic waste site

Several people were overcome by poisonous fumes from a mishap at the hazardous waste site at Ramat Hovav yesterday morning.

At around 8, people in Ramat Hovav smelled poisonous fumes coming from the direction of the waste site.

Several people in Ramat Hovav's industrial zone felt sick and were transferred to the clinic of the local council. Several Beduin living near the site were treated at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

Workers at the waste dump found a gas leakage and stopped it. *Itim*

Histadrut defends driving examiner

The Histadrut's Haifa branch has come to the defense of a religious driving examiner who on Monday refused to test a young woman there because he objected to the way she was dressed. Shiran Friedman, 18, of Rechasim, came to the test wearing a halter top and jeans, with her midriff exposed. She was eventually tested by the head of the examining bureau and passed. The Histadrut said it would ask Transport Ministry Director-General Nahum Langental to cancel a disciplinary hearing for the examiner, whose feelings should also be taken into account, as well as the right of the young woman to dress as she wished for her driving test. *David Rudge*

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather

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DR ROBERT SADWIN

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at 6 p.m. at the Kibbutz Ma'abarot cemetery

The family

MKs trade accusations over scandal

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS

A storm erupted in the political arena yesterday, as the coalition and opposition launched mutual attacks immediately after the High Court of Justice lifted the publication ban on the details of what has come to be known as the "Strashnov Affair."

In fact, all the details had been circulating in the Knesset corridors since Monday. "But nobody could say anything because of the court-issued publication ban," one MK explained. "Today everything exploded and the accusations came flooding out."

Likud members charged that Labor MKs who had exposed the affair were taking sides with the "traitor Manbar" – who was convicted last month of aiding an enemy state with intent to harm Israel's security – in their efforts to topple the prime minister.

Others said Labor was trying to protect Manbar to divert public attention from Manbar's donations to senior Labor figures during the 1996 primary campaign.

"Labor's bringing up the prime minister's name is aimed at diverting attention from the main point of the affair which is the involvement of senior Labor party members," said MK Naomi Blumenthal.

"This defense of a traitor is surprising on the one hand, while on the other it is understandable in light of the fact that Labor MKs benefited from Manbar's money in the last primary elections," she said.

Likud spokeswoman Ronit Eckstein said "Opposition elements have descended to a new low. Out of their aim of blackening the prime minister, they are mobilizing to defend a criminal and traitor who was convicted in court of selling chemical weapon parts to Iran. Some of the opposition have broken the accepted rules of the political game."

Labor rejected the accusations, saying the party had nothing to do with the affair. It is demanding an investigation into the alleged interference of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his spokesman in Manbar's trial.



Pninat Yanai confers with her lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, during the High Court of Justice hearing yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Labor's spokesman blasted "the Likud spokespeople's Finkelstein-like tactics, which are intended to divert criticism from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his spokesman to irrelevant political tracks."

MK Dalia Itzik, who heads the Labor response team and reportedly was one of the MKs who received a contribution from Manbar, refused to discuss the charge.

MK Anat Maor (Meretz) said, "It should be remembered that the main issue in the Strashnov Affair is whether the prime minister tried to get to a judge and intervene in judicial proceedings."

She said the role of attorney Pninat Yanai, a former intern of Strashnov's who also worked on Manbar's defense team, should be investigated. The petition filed by Manbar's lawyer, Amnon Zichroni in attempt to gain a retrial for Manbar, included details about an alleged intimate relationship between Strashnov and Yanai.

MK Uzi Baram (Labor), said he had twice had contact with Yanai as part of her work on the case. He said she had given the impression of working very hard to defend Manbar.

Baram said if it turns out Strashnov had been influenced and received material he shouldn't have during the trial then a new trial must be held.

"But if it's about a love affair which may or may not have been, I don't know how much it influenced the trial, although it's clear there was something improper going on."

He denied that exposure of the affair was politically motivated, noting it was Manbar's lawyers who had initiated the petition "not the Labor Party."

"We're not protecting anyone. I have no quarrel with the verdict," he said.

He said he did not know of anything linking Netanyahu to the case.

MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) said only judicial proceedings and not the press could determine a person's guilt.

But he described Blumenthal's accusation as "scandalous."

"Nobody is going to argue that a man convicted of treason should not be punished," he said.

Labor Party chairman leader MK Ehud Barak said "in a democratic state, a legal affair's place is in court, and that's where the affair will transpire."

Commenting on the Likud's accusations that Labor was protecting Manbar, Barak said "the Likud must be confused. It's all nonsense. What I know at this stage does not permit me to comment in any way."

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, of Tsomet, said "if there was any deviation from the norm and proper procedure in this affair, it must be investigated thoroughly."

Moledet leader MK Rehavam Ze'evi, who had once employed Yanai briefly as party spokeswoman, said "she wasn't exactly suitable to be a spokeswoman. I didn't have a chance to get to know her. She was here only a few weeks."

Zvilli willing to be questioned over violating court ban

BY LIAT COLLINS

MK Nissim Zvilli (Labor), who first publicly broke the Strashnov story by filing a parliamentary question in it Monday, yesterday said he would be willing to be questioned by police for his part in violating the court publication ban on the matter.

He said the source for his parliamentary question was not based only on the High Court petition. "When I verified the matter it was through an additional source," Zvilli said.

Relating to charges that he had exploited his substantive parliamentary immunity – the immunity concerning an MK's work-related actions – Zvilli said this immunity is aimed at protecting an MK exactly in cases like this, when "he exposes something which is possibly tainted. I think it is the MK's duty to [expose] it."

He said his actions were "completely unrelated to [the] publication ban. The things I said are not related to what is being discussed in the High Court. [However] if the Knesset Speaker reaches the conclusion that an MK should be questioned by the police over something he submitted as a parliamentary question, I will comply."

Coalition and Likud whip Meir Sheetrit, who shortly after the affair broke accused Zvilli of exploiting his parliamentary immunity to bypass the publication ban, said yesterday that "Zvilli was apparently used by others."

Sheetrit said Zvilli had apparently been unaware of the publication ban and acted in innocence when he spoke out. He said he would not push for Zvilli to be punished, even though there appears to be a breach in the use of parliamentary immunity in this case.

David Rudge adds:

Police have begun an investigation into whether anyone violated the publicity ban imposed by the High Court on details of the petition lodged by Nahum Manbar's lawyer Amnon Zichroni, prior to yesterday's decision to lift the ban.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein instructed the head of the police investigations department to launch an inquiry shortly after details of the petition leaked out.

A senior police officer said that as an initial step investigators were collating all written material and details of all the statements made concerning the issue.

Bazak wants retraction

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, yesterday denied having told anyone Netanyahu had spoken to Judge Amnon Strashnov or had any contact with him during Nahum Manbar's trial.

Bazak, in a statement, demanded that Manbar and his attorney, Amnon Zichroni, immediately retract statements to this effect made in their petition to the High Court of Justice, saying this is a blatant lie intended to slander Netanyahu.

He also demanded an apology for what they said about himself.

Bazak's statement, which was issued in the late afternoon, was the only one to come from the Prime Minister's Office all day.

At the same time, several ministers reportedly criticized Netanyahu's choice of assistants, noting the prime minister has a special talent for picking aides who get him into trouble.

The Likud spokeswoman said the party denounces the cynical exploitation of fragments of rumors, which everyone denies, for political bashing of workers in the Prime Minister's Office, and demands an end to "the muck-raking, which is totally unfounded."

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That means his conviction would remain in effect and only the sentence would be prescribed by a replacement judge.

Zichroni also could have asked for a meeting with Strashnov in closed chambers, with the prosecution present, in which he could present his charges and ask for the judge's reaction. This course of action could have saved Zichroni embarrassment if it turned out that the allegations are false.

But instead, Zichroni took the step of going to the Attorney-General's Office and asking for a state investigation. The state is equipped with all the necessary tools to provide the missing evidence that could bolster his case: it can summon everyone to testify and examine telephone company records to check, for example, whether there were telephone calls from the Prime Minister's Office to Strashnov's chambers, and if and when the judge called Yansi.

But there turned out to be a problem with this route as well – the attorney-general refused to investigate, at least while the criminal case against Manbar was still pending.

As a result, Zichroni felt he had no choice but to petition to the High Court of Justice.

But he was rebuffed again. The High Court yesterday refused to hear the case and thus sent Zichroni back to square one, with one difference: the story is out, and Strashnov has had a full day to plan his reaction to Zichroni's next step.

Zichroni is expected this morning to petition the judge to disqualify himself from the case – the only option left open to him.

According to the Courts Act of 1984, a judge has to decide on a disqualification petition before he makes any other decision related to the case in question.

Strashnov will therefore have to decide this petition before he decides on Manbar's sentence. If Strashnov decides not to disqualify himself, Manbar may appeal that decision to the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice Aharon Barak usually hears these cases personally.

According to the Criminal Procedure Act of 1982, if the judge refuses to disqualify himself and Manbar decides to appeal that decision, the trial must generally stop until the Supreme Court's final ruling. The judge is permitted, however, to proceed with the trial (and maybe end it by sentencing Manbar) if he has "special cause" for doing so.

Dr. Sommer is a lecturer at the Radzyner Law School Interdisciplinary Center of Herzliya.

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Bazak said the prime minister was not considering such a move, despite the fact that the consensus in his cabinet is that the prospective pullout would be approved by at least 60 percent of Israel's voters.

However, a source close to the inner cabinet said "they do not have the foggiest idea where things actually stand."

The three cabinet members who periodically join Netanyahu in his policy-making cabinet – National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai –have been receiving most of their information from the press and electronic news media, he continued, noting that this input not only has been generally unreliable, but also "misleading and tendentious."

Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei said he does not know of contacts to arrange a meeting between Netanyahu or Mordechai and Arafat.

But Ibrahim Abu Naja, Qurei's first deputy, said some meetings might be held between Mordechai and Mahmoud Abbas.

"There might be some meetings between Abu Mazen and Mordechai," Abu Naja said, "but they will not achieve anything, because Mordechai doesn't have the authority to make a decision. Only Netanyahu and Sharon can decide."

PATROL

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The incident began yesterday afternoon east of the Kissufim border crossing when the Israeli patrol asked the Palestinian to examine a suspicious looking cart. The Palestinian policemen refused and an argument broke out.

"There was cursing and then the Palestinians cocked their weapons, and our border policemen understandably cocked theirs," said Capt. Avi Gambash, spokesman for the Southern Command. "One thing led to another and one of the Palestinian policeman and a border policeman starting fighting."

The tense situation came close to a gun battle, but Gambash said Israeli restraint prevented this.

Still, the tensions between the very two groups who are supposed to be the shining example of coexistence is bound to have negative repercussions on the relations between Israeli and Palestinian forces in general.

Other joint patrols in the Gaza Strip, which are responsible for defusing friction between Israeli and Palestinian civilians, continued to operate, but the fight will likely exasperate mutual mistrust.

"These patrols are supposed to symbolize the agreement between us," Gambash said. "We won't accept this sort of behavior."

The joint patrol was taken to the District Coordinating Office for a clarification of the matter and members were chastised for their "light trigger finger" concerning their weapons and the flare up.

"Our policeman acted with restraint. But we are not satisfied with either of their behavior," he said.

Gambash said Israel did not accept the Palestinians' refusal to examine the cart.

"It was within our rights to ask this sort of request," he said. "We don't have any idea why they refused."

The injured border policeman was replaced, and both patrols were ordered back to work.

"These sort of things happen all of the time," said Maj. Yoram Barak, spokesman for the District Coordinating Office in the Gaza Strip, trying to play down the altercation. "It was a small incident, and there is nothing to write about. These are common occurrences, and I am sure they will happen again," Barak said.

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Close ties breed loose lips

IN CONTEXT
By HERB KEINON

The judge has an affair with the intern who worked for the defense lawyer who is aware that the intern has an ex-lover who wants to get back at the intern who, in addition to the judge, also knows the close adviser to the prime minister and had a fling with a high ranking security man.

And, don't forget, the lawyer's client has been convicted of abetting the enemy.

To some ears this all sounds like a soap opera, something straight out of *Peyton Place*, that classic 1950s drama of a fictional New England city which has become the paradigm of interwoven lives.

To Tel Aviv University anthropologist Moshe Shokeid, what the media has already dubbed the "Strashnov Affair" is actually the "politics of the shtetl" – the product of a "small kitchen" where the paths of key players often cross.

But what the affair is not, Shokeid said, is proof that there is a small elite group that hobnobs, trades secrets and partners at ease, and essentially controls the lives of the rest of us.

"The perception is that there is an elite that knows each other and controls everything," said Shokeid, who studies social groupings. "But it is just a perception, a myth. I am a professor of anthropology, considered part of the elite. But I don't know everybody."

The same scenario painted yesterday in Amnon Zichroni's petition to the High Court, Shokeid argued, could also have happened in the office of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Primarily, he said, those involved in the alleged episode travel in the same circles – the legal circles – but should not be seen as proof of a nefarious band of elite that knows everything. It is, he maintained, just a matter of professional proximity.

But Yoram Perry, the former editor of *Davar* and now a professor of political sociology at Hebrew University's communications department, said there is something distinctly Israeli about the story that emerged from Zichroni's petition.

First of all, he said, Israel is characterized by a "high rate of intensive interaction," which, put simply, means people talk a lot and to a lot of different people.

"Look at how many people talk on cellular phones," Perry said. "People talk to 30 different people a day; you don't get that elsewhere."

This penchant for loquaciousness, he offered, may be a "Jewish thing," a Mediterranean trait or the product of the country's security situation – when people are nervous, they talk, want to keep in touch.

Another national characteristic trait, Perry said, is indiscretion. "Everyone knows the story of the Israeli who reaches sexual climax quickly so he can run and tell his friends."

Indiscretion with words, Perry theorized, could also very well be a "Jewish thing," a result of Jews long being in the minority and preserving close ties in their daily struggle against the outside oppressor.

Close ties breed loose lips. Or, Perry said, this indiscretion could very well be a Zionist thing, a holdover from the halcyon days when the collective took precedence over the individual, and as a result nothing, no private detail, was kept from the collective.

Whatever the cause for the lack of verbal discretion, when it is combined with a "small kitchen," where everyone loves to talk, the result, Perry said, "is that everyone knows each other and tells everything to everybody" – in other words, the theme of the bizarre, Hollywood-type drama that emerged from yesterday's petition in the High Court.

The key players



Judge Amnon Strashnov

Judge Amnon Strashnov, 51, known in legal circles as a respected and hardworking senior jurist, launched his career in the military. He served for 23 years in the IDF's legal branch, culminating in a five-year stint as judge advocate-general between 1986 and 1991.

During his military service, he dealt with many controversial cases connected to the Intifada, including the Givati, Golani, and Yehuda Meir trials. After retiring from the IDF, he published a book titled *Justice Under Fire* detailing his experiences.

Since his appointment to the Tel Aviv District Court, he has presided over a full range of criminal proceedings.



Nahum Manbar

Nahum Manbar was raised in Kibbutz Givat Haim and completed service in the IDF as a paratrooper. He became a businessman, first in Israel and then in Europe, moving into the lucrative international arms trade.

When he was arrested last spring, Manbar was visiting Israel from the home in Switzerland he shares with his second wife, Francine, and their son.

On June 18, Manbar was convicted by Tel Aviv District Court of aiding an enemy state with intent to harm Israel's security by selling Iran material to produce mustard and nerve gas and equipment for $16 million between 1990 and 1995. Manbar is to be sentenced today.



Attorney Pninat Yanai

Pninat Yanai, 26, was born and raised in Yavne. After completing her legal studies at the Law College associated with Bar-Ilan University, she served her apprenticeship in Amnon Strashnov's office, and afterwards joined Amnon Zichroni's office as an attorney in May 1997, several weeks after Manbar was indicted. She was immediately made part of his defense team.

In addition to pursuing a legal career, she also explored possibilities in politics and communications. She served a very brief stint as spokeswoman for the Moledet Party, where she befriended Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak and has appeared as the host of a Channel 33 show on the law.



Attorney Amnon Zichroni

One of the most prominent and outspoken criminal attorneys in the country, Amnon Zichroni is best-known for defending those accused of spying and public figures charged with corruption. He represented Mordechai Vanunu until he was replaced by fellow criminal lawyer Avigdor Feldman, who is his antagonist as the attorney for Pninat Yanai, and Shabtai Kalmanovitch, who was convicted of spying for the former Soviet Union. His clients have included Shas's Yair Levy and Aryeh Deri, and Labor's Avi Yehezkel.

Zichroni has also been involved with international negotiations aimed at striking deals for the return of captured IDF soldiers.

Allison Kaplan Sommer

Gag orders – a thing of the past

ANALYSIS
By ALLISON SOMMER

Yesterday's High Court ruling authorizing the publication of Nahum Manbar's petition and allegations was very brief, but was nevertheless a milestone in the ongoing quest of the country's press to make everything publishable.

The law still grants the courts relatively wide powers to bar the publication of certain issues. The Israeli press, however, has nevertheless mastered the art of bringing every one of these "forbidden" stories into the papers and onto the airwaves within a short time.

First, the press publishes hints and seemingly unrelated items, leaving very little to the imagination of the informed reader. For example, yesterday's Hebrew newspapers just happened to have profiles and/or pictures of a certain Pninat Yanai – without explaining why – as well as stories about how Judge Amnon Strashnov takes pains to paint himself as a family man and has issued tough sentences to sex offenders – again, without explanation. The puzzle was quite easy to put together, without the newspapers "explicitly" breaching the court's gag order.

One might have expected the High Court to criticize this practice. Instead, yesterday's ruling, contrary to prior positions by the court, rewarded it. As one of the two reasons it cited for repealing the gag order, the court held that the order was no longer "pragmatic" to uphold after most of the details of the petition had been published, albeit in a roundabout way.

It should be noted, however, that the prosecution is still not prevented from indicting newspapers which, in its opinion, breached the gag order during the short time it was in effect. The Attorney-General's Office already announced, prior to yesterday's ruling, that it would investigate all those who revealed information contrary to the gag order, including MK Nissim Zvilli (although they will first have to overcome his parliamentary immunity).

The other grounds cited for the court's decision were also significant. The state had claimed that it only wanted the gag order in place for a very short time, until the trial and today's sentencing were over. The court held, however, that what can be published tomorrow should be publishable immediately, thus again limiting the instances where gag orders are likely to be used in future cases.

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Foreign Ministry raps UN for condemning Jerusalem expansion

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MARILYN HENRY

The UN Security Council's condemnation of the government decision to expand Jerusalem's administrative services to its suburbs was rejected yesterday by the Foreign Ministry.

"The decision is municipal in nature and is intended to extend Jerusalem's municipal jurisdiction only to areas west of the city," ministry spokesman Jodie Shir-On said.

He regretted the Presidential Statement" adopted by the council Monday and continued that "Israel already has clarified that the cabinet decision of June 21, 1998, does not contradict the agreements between Israel and the Palestinians."

Shir-On claimed that the council majority that endorsed the condemnation "ignores these facts."

Indicating that Israel would not bow to international intervention or pressure with regard to its definition of Jerusalem as the national capital, the spokesman said it will "continue to work for the development and prosperity of Jerusalem for the benefit of all of its inhabitants."

The Security Council's current president is Russia's delegate, Sergei Levarov.

The statement – the Security Council's mildest possible action, issued a statement saying it considers the Israeli decision "to broaden the jurisdiction and planning boundaries of Jerusalem a serious and damaging development."

The statement averted a vote on a resolution that would have condemned the June 21 Israeli plan to create an "umbrella municipality." Two weeks ago, more than three dozen nations criticized the Israeli plan during a council debate on that resolution.

The council's statement could be seen as something of a victory for Israel.

Ambassador to the UN Dore Gold, had said that the Palestinians had been determined to force the resolution to a vote. That would have compelled the US to decide whether to use its veto in the council.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser David Bar-Illan meanwhile told Reuters: "What Israel has done in Jerusalem is purely a municipal matter. There was no room for any intervention by an international body."

The Security Council's statement came a week after the General Assembly voted to enhance the Palestinians' observer status at the UN.

The statement, which has no force, required a consensus of the 15-member council.

The resolution would have condemned the Jerusalem expansion plan, would have demanded that it be rescinded, and would have called on Israel "to refrain from all actions or measures, including settlement activities, which are illegal" and could interfere with future talks on the status of Jerusalem.

In its statement, the council called on Israel not to proceed with the Jerusalem expansion plan and "not to take any other steps which would prejudice the outcome of the permanent status negotiations" with the Palestinians.



King Hussein greets Labor Party leader Ehud Barak yesterday in Amman. (Israel Hadari)

Hussein: Time running out for peace

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday met with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and afterwards urged Israel to take courageous and swift action towards a peace settlement with the Palestinians.

"I am concerned over the peace process and the current situation. There must be courageous and swift decisions taken to bring the peace process towards a comprehensive settlement. We should concentrate on time because we have lost a lot of time in the past," Hussein said on Jordan TV.

The Jordanian monarch told reporters that he had been "more optimistic" a month ago, after he had met Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

"But the time for the peace process is running out, and the window of opportunity is closing. It's terrible to see everything we've built and created slipping away. Critical decisions must be made."

Hussein said he was worried for the peace process, "but we must not abandon hope."

Barak conveyed to Hussein the desire of the Israeli people for peace, and said strategic problems should be at the top of the Israeli government's agenda, rather than a preoccupation with technical details.

The Jordanian monarch and Crown Prince Hassan held an hour-long meeting with Barak, who was accompanied by MKs Avraham Shohat, Avi Yehezkel and Salah Tarif.

Asked whether he had confidence in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Hussein said "I don't want to be personal, but we are no longer coordinated as we used to be. In any case, he was elected by the majority and as long as they want him and he's prime minister, we will cooperate with him. But decisions are necessary."

This was the third meeting for Jordan's rulers with Labor leaders this week. It followed Sunday's meeting with MK Yossi Beilin and Monday's meeting with former prime minister Shimon Peres.

Shalom takes over at Science Ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

Sharply diverting from his predecessor's views, new Science and Technology Minister Silvan Shalom declared the ministry was vitally important and that he would struggle against political interests to take over science-related responsibilities located elsewhere that belong with him.

Shalom, who becomes minister for the next 20 months as part of the rotation agreement with fellow Likudnik Michael Eitan, was warmly received by the 50-60 staffers of the ministry.

The 40-year-old lawyer and MK became the eighth science minister since the ministry was established for coalition reasons 16 years ago.

But Eitan, who trades his ministerial hat for deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office in charge of liaison between the government and the Knesset, was treated rather coldly by staffers – especially after his 45-minute speech in which he minimized the need for a Science Ministry.

A year ago, he had started off in a combative mood by declaring that the ministry should be closed down and he would become a minister in the Prime Minister's Office in charge of science and a to-be-established National Council for Research and Development.

But Eitan failed to establish such a council or abolish the ministry; he did, however, fire numerous employees, including the chief scientist and her staff.

Eitan stressed at the ceremony that with high-technology, privatization and advanced information systems, government bureaucracy would inevitably shrink and private enterprise would come to the fore.

He persistently repeated these themes, saying that since the director-general (Dr. Mordechai Bishari) is a scientist, a ministry chief scientist was a "waste of money."

This and his statement that "no developed country in the world has a Science Ministry" elicited vocal opposition from staffers that was muted somewhat only by their awareness that Eitan is due to return as minister for the last eight months of the Netanyahu government.

Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, the first science minister (who filled the post twice), said he wanted to "get the record straight" and pointed out that "every developed country has a Science Ministry, although they have different names and sometimes include responsibility for higher education and other related fields." But he praised Eitan for his contributions during the past year.

Also present were former science ministers Amnon Rubinstein and Shimon Shetreet.

Shalom said in recent months that friends tried to persuade him to remain deputy defense minister, since it was a post in a powerful ministry. But he decided to carry out the rotation nevertheless, "not only because I would become a minister – which is important – but because this field is vital to the country."

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

Palestinian state

Only the creation of a Palestinian state "will set a territorial compromise" with the Arabs, wrote Anatoly Isaakson, a member of the Knesset caucus, in *Vesti*. He pointed out that "Neither Begin nor Sharon could annex the 'territories' ... If these areas are not under Israeli sovereignty, they will be under Palestinian sovereignty."

He opposed the claim that "the Oslo Agreement is catastrophic" and insisted that a Palestinian state is the only real solution. Although the Oslo Agreement does not stipulate the creation of a Palestinian state, "the dynamic of the process will lead to its creation," he wrote.

"We can fight with them another ten, twenty, thirty years but the result will be the same," said Andrei Sigalov in *Sovetsk Day*, the weekly supplement of *Novosti Nedeli*, about the possible alternative to a Palestinian state.

Israel upheld a colonial policy, and now the Palestinians are rebelling. Their fight is a national liberation movement; "if the peace option is not accomplished, this cruel fight will be resumed with renewed strength." Sigalov opposes Prime Minister Netanyahu's strategy of "pushing Arafat into a corner," which will force him to unilaterally proclaim a Palestinian state.

Shlomo Wolf of *Vesti* saw the issue from a different angle. He compared the Arab-Israeli problem to the situation in the Baltics, where countries such as Latvia are fighting for their independence against Russia.

The great former empire, he wrote in an ironic style, demands that little Latvia give the Russian minority there "first autonomy, then an independent state with its capital in east Riga."

Russians and Haifa cultural life

More than half of the Haifa Symphony consists of Russian immigrants. In the city there are many cultural associations – musical, artistic, literary – created by Russian immigrants, which play a significant role in Haifa's cultural life and education system.

But as Valentin Fineberg, chairman of Yisrael Ba'aliya in Haifa wrote in *Vesti North*, there are "people on the city council who are afraid that they will have to share their administration with newcomers." Thus, they oppose the coalition agreement between Mayor Amram Mitzna and Yisrael Ba'aliya.

According to the agreement, during upcoming terms the position of head of the cultural committee will be occupied by members of the "immigrant party."

Security sources deny reports of Lebanon pullout plans

By DAVID RUDGE

The IDF has drawn up contingency plans for a unilateral withdrawal from the security zone, after which South Lebanese Army commander Gen. Antoine Lahad will declare the region an independent state, according to an Arabic language weekly newspaper.

The claims, made in the Paris-based *Al-Watan al-Arrabe*, were described as nonsense by officials here.

"The issue of an unilateral withdrawal is not on the agenda and therefore any speculations about this are baseless," a senior security source said yesterday.

"Israel has a policy which is based on the cabinet decision of April 1 to pull the army out in the framework of [UN Security Council Resolution] 425 with security guarantees," said the source.

He maintained that all attempts by Syria and Lebanon to torpedo the 425 proposal had failed and that Israel's initiative is still alive and well.

According to *Al-Watan al-Arrabe*, Israel would implement its secret withdrawal plan followed by Lahad's declaration if the 425 initiative failed. The weekly claimed that preliminary steps have already been taken in south Lebanon and the international arena toward implementation of the plan.

In Lebanon yesterday, UNIFIL lodged a strong protest with the IDF over the wounding of an Irish battalion soldier and a Lebanese civilian as a result of SLA mortar fire on Monday evening.

The international peacekeeping force said a mortar round had exploded alongside an UN vehicle near Harris village, north of the security zone, wounding the Irish soldier, who was in the vehicle, and the Lebanese civilian who was walking nearby.

"UNIFIL headquarters is extremely concerned about this totally unacceptable, unwarranted, and reckless action which could so easily have resulted in serious injury or loss of life," said a statement issued by the force.

Military sources said that Hizbullah gunmen were continuing at IDF and SLA targets from villages north of the zone and from close to UN positions.

STRASHNOV

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The relations allegedly continued after she started working for Zichroni.

"Strashnov frequently called Yanai on her cellular phone, and she would tell [Chen] about the phone calls and say that Strashnov was courting her. In two cases, Yanai let Chen overhear what Strashnov was saying to her.

"He heard Strashnov invite her to meet him so that they could have intimate relations and he would say to her: 'When will we meet?,' 'Let's find a place,' 'When can I finally come to your place?'"

Chen also said Strashnov invited her to join him during his upcoming sabbatical in the US.

Based on Manbar's affidavit, Zichroni charged that Yanai said "she talks to the judge about the case and about Manbar's attorneys and asked [Manbar] to keep it a secret."

She also began talking behind Zichroni's back, telling Manbar that Zichroni was actually acting on behalf of the Mossad and was working against Manbar's interests.

Zichroni claimed that Manbar and his wife became dependent upon Yanai. After he fired Yanai, wrote Zichroni, "she told Manbar that if the judges knew she would not appear in court any more, they would take it out on him. Manbar described himself as having felt that he was her captive. He begged his lawyers not to prevent her from appearing in court and even gave her a power of attorney without their knowledge."

After Manbar was convicted on June 17, his wife, Francine, began to tape her conversations with Yanai. According to Zichroni, Yanai described one meeting between Yanai and Strashnov in Jerusalem, before the verdict was given. She told Francine Manbar that the two had met in a hotel and discussed the trial.

As for the relations between Bazak and Yanai, Zichroni said the two were close friends. According to Chen's affidavit, Bazak visited her several times and the two spoke on the phone at least once every two weeks.

According to the affidavit of Zvi Manbar "Yanai spoke to [Nahum Manbar] on the day after the conviction. She told him that half a year earlier, Shai Bazak had told her 'Manbar would be convicted, and then we will show everyone that while we were in power we uncovered the affair while in the Rabin period it was covered up because Manbar was close to the Labor Party.'"

Chen also testified to Yanai's relations with the GSS agent "Nir." He said Nir frequently called Yanai. When Chen was present, she would take the phone into another room, so that he could not hear.

Zichroni summed up his request to nullify Manbar's trial and investigate the behind-the-scenes relationship as follows: "An intense, close and ongoing – and above all concealed – relationship between the petitioner's lawyer – Yanai – and the presiding judge, Strashnov, before and during the trial, including on matters pertaining to the trial. An intense relationship during the trial between the petitioner's lawyer – Yanai – and the GSS agent known as 'Nir,' who served at the same time as head of the team which investigated the petitioner and served as a prosecution witness. A multitude of links with the Prime Minister's Office, including a claim by Yanai regarding political intervention during the trial proceedings."

Yanai asked to be included as a respondent in the petition and hired Avigdor Feldman to represent her.

In her response to Zichroni, she wrote that Chen "is a man with severe mental problems. After I told him I planned to leave him, and perhaps even before that, he negotiated, to the best of my knowledge, a financial deal with Zichroni or a representative of Nahum Manbar, in which he promised to provide them with false information regarding my relationship with Judge Strashnov. I have no doubt that Ziv Chen received a very substantial financial reward in return for the impudent garbage that he heaped upon me and the judge."

As for Zichroni, Yanai wrote that after he lost the case, he "launched a campaign of garbage and filth against the judge. In doing so, he took advantage of my good name and damaged it beyond repair."

Yanai charged that Zichroni had hired Yanai solely because of her connections with Strashnov. As such, she was assigned to the Manbar case and given no other work.

A month after she started working for him, Zichroni started asking her about her relations with Strashnov, trying to find out whether they had sexual ties or he had harassed her sexually.

According to Yanai, Manbar became increasingly disappointed with Zichroni because he did not represent him in court but sent a member of his office, Dror Arad Ayalon, to argue the case. She charged that Zichroni often failed to show up in court because of a television show he moderates on Channel 33, and lied to Manbar about the reasons for his absence.

Yanai stated that she had not kept Shai Bazak's comments on the trial from Zichroni and denied saying that Netanyahu had spoken to Strashnov about the trial. She also denied having spoken to "Nir" about the trial.



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Mofaz: Syria not preparing for war

By LIAT COLLINS

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz yesterday denied press reports of an IDF assessment that Syria is preparing for war in 1999.

"As of the current moment, Syria does not intend to attack Israel," he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in his first appearance in his new position. Mofaz said Syria seems to prefer the diplomatic option at present, while continuing to preserve the military option.

Mofaz noted that he is taking up his post at a time when Israel is facing different threats, including ground-to-ground missiles and non-conventional weapons from Iran and Iraq.

He told the panel his "main message is the continued innovation, development, and strengthening of the IDF." His "secondary message," in his words, are "continuity" and "gradual change [where] necessary to improve the IDF's capabilities."

He told parliamentary reporters he had stressed the important role of the officers and soldiers in strengthening the IDF. "We must make every effort to keep the best with us, to back the standing army, and to try to improve its conditions."

He reportedly told the committee of the need for more training and focus on strengthening ongoing security. "I see that as a central and important matter, because that is where we are paying the dearest price. I have prepared plans for improving our capabilities in south Lebanon. In the last year we have made an effort and invested money in this...[my predecessor] even predicted that we would see the fruits of this effort next year."

Regarding the territories, Mofaz said, "There is constant tension and friction, which has the potential of becoming an incident of one sort or another." He said the daily contact and dialogue between IDF officers and the Palestinian forces are important to prevent this.

Mofaz stressed the need for a larger defense budget and said the creation and implementation of a multi-year plan depends on a multi-year budget.

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He also announced that the IDF "will be an entirely professional army, will distance itself from controversial issues, and focus on completely professional opinions when asked." He said that while he would reduce the involvement of senior IDF officers in the media, the IDF will not try to cover up mishaps or offenses.

Mofaz also stressed the importance of discipline in preventing training and road accidents.

At the end of his first appearance before the committee, Mofaz told the MKs he hopes to give them full reports in the future – but hinted that the scope of his reports would depend on their not being leaked.

A senior IDF Intelligence officer, who addressed the committee before him, said the IDF has not yet prepared its assessments for 1999.

With regard to the Syrian military, the officer told the panel it does not seem to have been shocked by the resignation of its chief of staff, Hikmat Shihabi, after 28 years and his replacement by his deputy, Ali Aslan.

The officer said President Hafez Assad is scheduled to visit France at the end of this week, apparently in part to seek support against Israel's initiative to withdraw from south Lebanon according to UN Security Resolution 425. He is also expected to visit Russia next month to strengthen ties and purchase arms such as anti-tank weapons.

Russia is also apparently continuing its sales to Iran, he noted.

Regarding Lebanon, the Intelligence officer noted comments by Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah following the trade of Lebanese prisoners for the body of slain Israeli naval commando Itamar Ilya. Nasrallah reportedly said he saw the exchange as an achievement for his organization, because it had broken the Israeli principle of not handing over live prisoners in return for dead soldiers. However, Nasrallah did emphasize the importance of live POWs to gaining the return of prisoners and said Hizbullah would preserve the lives of soldiers it captures in the future.



Protesters sporting gas masks look out at the Yarkon River yesterday, during a demonstration marking the first anniversary of the Maccabiah bridge collapse. They demanded action to clean up the polluted river. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

Demo at the Yarkon marks one year since Maccabiah bridge collapse

By GIL HOFFMAN

On the first anniversary of the Maccabiah bridge collapse that killed four members of the Australian delegation, dozens of environment activists and representatives of the Australian Jewish community demonstrated yesterday near the Yarkon Bridge.

Demonstrators called on area industries and municipalities to stop polluting the Yarkon River and the Environment Ministry to expedite the process of cleaning it up.

Michael Oren, director-general of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, said little has been done in the last year to decrease pollution and thereby prevent other tragedies.

Council for a Beautiful Israel international president Ora Herzog said the river is now even more polluted than it was last year. She said recent tests reveal the river is about 120 times more polluted than the maximum permitted by health standards.

Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor Dan Darin, who is responsible for engineering, sewage and infrastructure in the city and is a candidate for mayor, told Itim that the city's sewage system is built to serve 850,000 people, but it serves 60 percent more people.

Darin outlined a $200 million plan to expand the sewage system with costs shared to be shared by the national government and local authorities in the Dan region.

The Environment Ministry said it is trying to convince the Finance and Infrastructure ministries to make expanding the sewage system in the Dan region a national priority.

Diane Shteinman, the president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, said the Australian Jewish community still feels "injured and traumatized" by the tragedy.

She said an independent Knesset inquiry is needed to investigate the tragedy, calling the Dotan Committee's investigation insufficient. Shteinman condemned the Maccabi World Union for insensitivity, saying the organization did not send any message of condolence to the victims' families until yesterday's condolence notice in *The Jerusalem Post*.

She said no decision has been made yet on Australian participation in the next Maccabiah.

NY state assemblyman acquitted of taking bribes from Jewish group

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Dov Hikind, a New York state assemblyman, was acquitted Monday of federal charges that he accepted more than $40,000 in bribes from a Jewish agency in Brooklyn to pay for family trips to Israel and Europe and for his children's yeshiva tuition.

"Here I am in a yarmulke, an Orthodox Jew, and a jury made up of a cross-section of New York, including four black people and a Pakistani person, and I got justice today," said Hikind, 48, of Borough Park. "What a great country for someone whose parents survived Auschwitz."

But Hikind's co-defendant, Rabbi Elimelech Naiman, an executive of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Borough Park, was convicted of bribery and misuse of funds.

He faces a 10-year sentence for each charge.

Another COJO official, Paul Chernick, pleaded guilty in April to stealing federal funds and has said he used some of those funds for payoffs to Hikind, according to news accounts.

Monday's verdicts were not seen as contradictory. After more than five days of deliberation, the jury apparently determined that Naiman made the payments with the intent of influencing Hikind, but that Hikind did not receive the payments with corrupt intent, according to yesterday's *New York Times*.

Hikind has been a Democratic state legislator for 16 years and had indicated that he planned to run for Congress.

Although he was acquitted, analysts said his political career was likely to be shadowed by doubts.

Until it was shuttered by the indictments, COJO was a social service agency that received millions of dollars a year in government aid to run programs for the elderly, children and immigrants – most of them Orthodox Jews.

Its officials also were politically influential, as it was assumed they could deliver the haredi vote during elections.

Missing Jerusalem woman presumed murdered

By AMY KLEIN

Sima Mizyed, a Jewish woman who left her Arab husband and has been missing for three months, is believed to have been murdered, Jerusalem police said yesterday.

Police concluded Mizyed was murdered after questioning her husband, Wahil, and his brother, Marwan, who were both arrested two weeks ago in connection with her disappearance. Their remand was extended yesterday for an additional six days.

Police did not find her body in extensive searches yesterday of the New Givon suburb north of Jerusalem, next to the Arab village of Beit Likya. The search continues today.



Sima Mizyed

Mizyed was last seen on April 4, after she left her house in Jerusalem's Katamonim neighborhood, telling her eldest son she would be back in an hour.

Mizyed, who converted to Islam 13 years ago when she married Wahil, left him seven months ago, taking their five children from the family's house in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

Both her and her estranged husband's families are fighting for custody of the children, who are in foster care.

NEWS *in brief*

Minimum sentence set for sex offenders

The Knesset yesterday passed second and third reading of a law calling for a minimum sentence to be passed on sex offenders. The bill has been discussed in the Knesset for some eight years. The bill was filed by MK Yael

The bill, filed by MK Yael Dayan (Labor) and Dedi Zucker (Meretz), states that the minimum punishment for rape, indecent acts in aggravated circumstances and sex offenses within the family should be at least a quarter of the maximum sentence, which now stands at between 10 and 20 years.

The bill faced some opposition in the committee stage and in the plenum for intervening with judicial decisions.

It finally passed by 37 votes to two (Abdul Malik Dahamshe, Democratic Arab Party, and Ruby Rivlin, Likud). *Liat Collins*

7 Carmel Forest rape suspects plead innocent

Seven of the accused in the rape of a student and assault on her friend in the Carmel Forest have denied the charges against them. Nizar Salah, Nail Mustafa and two others who are minors denied the charges yesterday in the Haifa District Court.

Three others made their denials on Monday. Attorney Rali Coitro-Gutman, from the Haifa District Attorney's office, is arguing that the three were involved in rape, perverted acts, and assault in grave circumstances. *Itim*

Smuggled eggs destroyed

The Health Ministry's Food Service yesterday destroyed 40,000 eggs on sale at the Talpiot open-air market in Haifa. The eggs had been smuggled in from the Palestinian autonomous areas, were unmarked and were being stored at temperatures over 20 degrees Celsius.

The ministry warned the public against purchasing unmarked eggs: each egg must be stamped with the last permitted date of sale and the name of the sorting station.

It's also dangerous to buy eggs from open-air markets or shops that are not air conditioned, the ministry said. *Judy Siegel*

Children of Chernobyl top 1,600

Twenty-five more children arrived yesterday on Habad Children of Chernobyl's 36th flight, bring the total number of children evacuated to 1,619. All the children on this flight came from contaminated regions of the northern Ukraine that have seen dramatic increases in thyroid cancer and other diseases since the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The children are to live and study at Kfar Habad, and receive medical treatment on on-site clinics and local hospitals. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Cattle breeders demonstrate in Golan

Cattle breeders demonstrated yesterday in the Golan Heights against the ongoing preying of wolves against their herds.

The protest came during a trip to the Golan by Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan. Eitan and representatives of the Nature Reserves and National Parks Authority were in the area to visit the scene of the mass poisoning of vultures two weeks ago. *David Rudge*

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Prison of the soul

Nigerian football player Taribo West noisily proclaimed "only the gods can stop us from winning" just before the gods (Dane-shaped) clobbered his team by four goals to one.

Deutsche Press Agency named West "worst bragger" in a best of, worst of list from the World Cup. In like spirit, we may safely award Nigeria's military rulers the "worst liars" medal in the all-Africa political game.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

The military government of Gen. Abdusalam Abubakar promised UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to release president-elect Moshood Abiola from jail, but in the end it was the gods who freed the chief from their clutches.

In a land where corruption and lies are the normal way of government, it is forgivable that the people assume the news of Abiola's death from a heart attack was also a lie and took to the streets in angry protest.

Abiola's family too opted for the conspiracy theory of poisoning – not surprising since one of his wives, Kudirat Abiola, was assassinated in 1996 by a gang of thugs after campaigning on her husband's behalf.

Abiola became violently ill while talking with US Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering and died of cardiac arrest, as a post-mortem has established. His harsh treatment in prison certainly contributed to his illness, and there is no way the military regime can be absolved of blame for his early death.

Exiled heritage

The death of the uniquely popular Abiola is only the latest in the sad catalog of disasters for Nigerian democracy and its international image.

Nigeria is one of the most diverse and cultured of African nations – or at least that is the image it should have. Instead its name has become synonymous with corruption, dictatorship, narcotics and fraud on a massive scale. An international survey of businessmen last year unanimously voted Nigeria the most corrupt country on Earth. In the eyes of the West and the Commonwealth states, it is a pariah state because of its human-rights abuses and contempt for democracy.

Nigeria is a country with a rich heritage and wealthy resources which are being squandered by its own government after centuries of colonial exploitation at the hands of foreigners. Nigerians are a diverse and cultured people – Abiola himself represented a synthesis of his Christian upbringing and conversion to Islam, and was proud of both cultures.

Nobel literature laureate Wole Soyinka is Nigeria's most famous son – the author and playwright is of course despised by the military and lives in exile.

Soldier, soldier

The country also produced such renowned writers as Chinua Achebe, Amos Tutuola and Cyprian Ekwensi. The musician Fela Anikulapo Kuti created the Afrobeat sound in the 1970s and brought African music to worldwide audiences.

Since Nigeria gained independence from Britain in 1960, it has been misruled by soldiers for all but 10 years. All nine changes of government have been engineered in one way or another by generals.

In 1983, Shehu Shagari, the last civilian president, was ousted by the military in the person of Gen. Muhammadu Buhari, a grim dictator who jailed more than 500 politicians, officials and businessmen. He fell in a coup led by Gen. Ibrahim Babangida who ruled until 1993. Riots erupted in 1992 in Lagos as the government's economic mismanagement worsened and Christian-Moslem tension led to ethnic clashes in the northern Kano State, where 3,000 people were killed.

In June 1993, Babangida annulled the presidential elections won by millionaire businessman Abiola. Babangida was ousted by his defense minister, Gen. Sani Abacha. Abiola proclaimed himself president in 1994 in Lagos and was promptly arrested and jailed. Western countries imposed limited sanctions on Nigeria, and the Commonwealth suspended it for executing nine minority-rights activists, including the distinguished playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa, in 1995.

Open sore

Abacha died last month, having failed to keep his promise to transfer Nigeria to civil rule, but instead manipulating proposed elections so that he would be the sole candidate. The world has given his successor something of a grace period, but so far all received in return is words.

"Under a dictatorship, a nation ceases to exist," writes the exiled Soyinka in his most recent book, *The Open Sore of a Continent*. "All that remains is a fiefdom, a planet of slaves regimented by aliens from outer space." Soyinka was writing when Abacha was still alive – a corrupt and brutal man whom he found particularly obnoxious, "the most ruthless, unconscionable dictator we have ever known in Nigeria."

Soyinka still finds Nigeria a bleak place, a prison for the national soul, yet he refuses to abandon what he calls "the hope that lives underground."

"The opposition is very much on the run, the leadership has been decapitated by imprisonment, and the rest have been forced into exile," he writes. Soyinka says the successful defeat of apartheid in South Africa should be an inspiration to his countrymen.

"It was a triumph of the human will and a triumph of racial will for black peoples all over the world. If anything, it is a challenge to Nigeria."

Tina passes the torch

Days after Brown's stunning resignation an award-winning writer with no management or editing experience, takes the helm of the prestigious 'New Yorker' magazine

By LLOYD GROVE

Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Remnick, a prolific and versatile journalist who has never held an editing job, was named editor of the *New Yorker* Monday, taking the helm of the venerable weekly at a time of chronic financial trouble and fitful editorial verve.

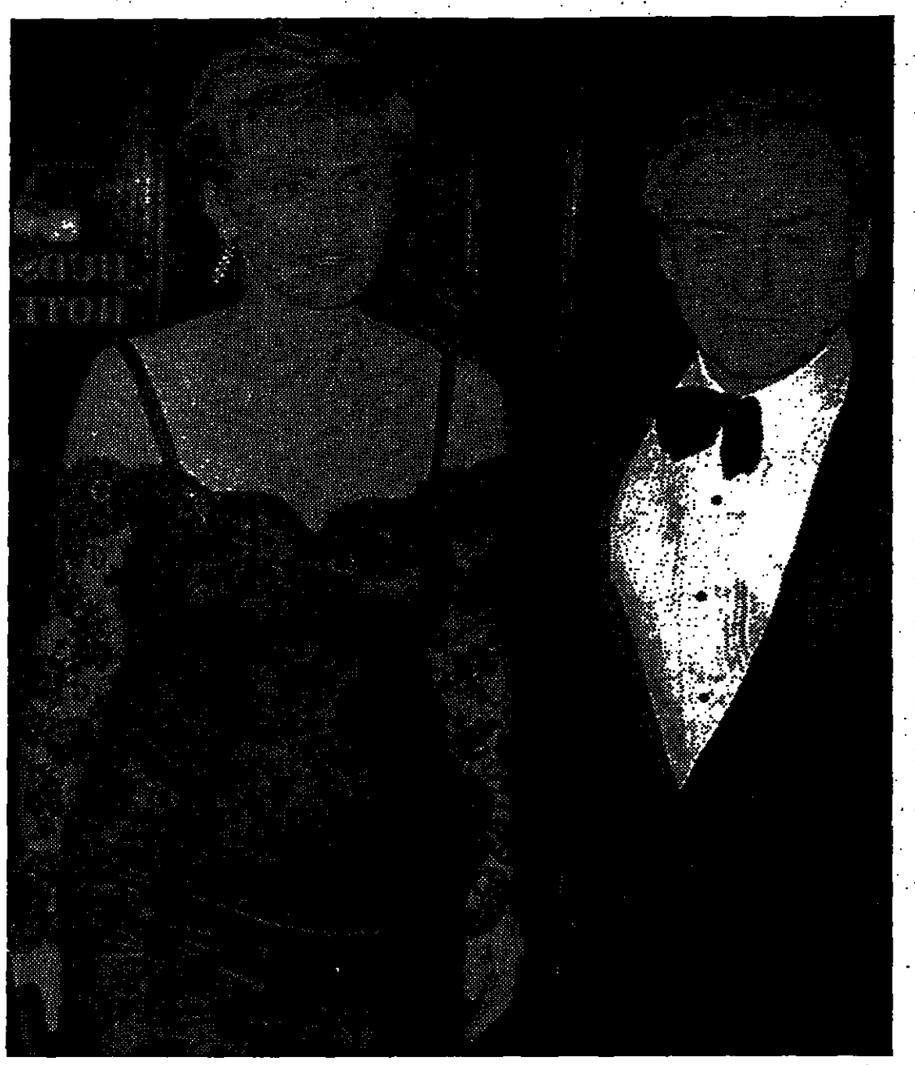
The 39-year-old Remnick, a former *Washington Post* reporter who won the 1994 nonfiction Pulitzer as well as that year's prestigious George Polk Award for a book about the breakup of the Soviet Union, was the surprise choice of billionaire S.I. Newhouse Jr., chairman of the private media company that owns the magazine.

Remnick, a staff writer for the magazine since 1992, replaces editor Tina Brown, who stunned Manhattan's glitterati six days ago by resigning to launch a Hollywood-backed multimedia company.

"I'm going to do what I can, first and foremost, to continue making this a great, witty and thrilling magazine, and do what I can to make it viable," Remnick said from the *New Yorker*'s West 43rd Street offices in Manhattan, hours after Newhouse summoned him to the Conde Nast Publications Building a few blocks away and told him the job was his, effective immediately.

"This is not the year zero, and we don't need to start all over again. But eventually the place comes to reflect the editor."

"He has a combination of experience as a writer and also dealing conceptually with the magazine," Newhouse said in an interview. "I think that was what made him my choice. The fact that he was an insider was also important."



Outgoing 'New Yorker' editor Tina Brown and husband, Harold Evans, at the magazine's 70th anniversary gala in February 1995. 'Eventually the place comes to reflect the editor,' says Brown's successor, David Remnick. (AP)

REMNICK'S COLLEAGUES greeted him with cheers and a five-minute ovation when Newhouse made the announcement. They described the Hillsdale, NJ, native and dentist's son as a journalist of enormous talents, protean interests, keen intelligence and good taste – all attributes that they argued will compensate for his lack of experience as an editor and a manager.

"There's joy in Mudville," said *New Yorker* senior editor Hendrik Hertzberg.

"I'm so pleased for David and for the *New Yorker*," said veteran writer John McPhee, who has known the new editor since Remnick took his "Literature of Fact" seminar during his senior year at Princeton in 1981.

"When a person has as much range and talent as David does, it can't help but translate itself into the nature of the magazine."

Longtime *New Yorker* writer Calvin Trillin expressed relief at the choice, saying: "I've admired David since he got here.... In positive and negative ways both, I had steeled myself for the possibility of some Conde Nast trend hound arriving with his black shirt buttoned up to the collar and telling us we needed to pay a little more attention to the club scene. It never occurred to me that anything this sensible would happen."

Brown pointed out that in recent years she has relied heavily on Remnick's editorial advice in shaping the magazine's tone and content.

"David was the key member of my dream team," she said, "and he grew to be really the most important single figure at the *New Yorker*, in terms of his embodiment of the spirit of the magazine."

When she took over in 1992, Brown radically altered the *New Yorker* from the journalistic gravitas and prim tone of William Shawn, the longest-serving editor, to an occasionally glitzy journal focusing on social and political trends, celebrities and controversies – the "buzz," in the parlance of the slick magazine world.

But she predicted that Remnick would find his own path.

"I think he'll develop gradually. I'm sure he'll have a very different take on things, and I hope he does," she said.

Robert Gottlieb, Brown's immediate predecessor, predicted that Remnick would attempt to return the magazine to some of the literary and journalistic tradition celebrated by the legendary Shawn, who was editor for 35 years until Gottlieb's arrival.

"Based on his background, I'm assuming that he'll try to restore the *New Yorker*'s in-depth foreign journalism that Shawn developed so successfully," Gottlieb said.

Privately, Gottlieb has told friends that taking the helm of the money-losing magazine in the highly charged political atmosphere of Conde Nast "would be like sticking your head in a pencil sharpener."

REMNICK, who sent Newhouse a 3,000-word memo on the *New Yorker* late Sunday night, was deliberately vague about his plans Monday, saying, "I don't think it would be fair of me to get into specifics....

"Most magazines have peak moments," he said. "They live on, they do just okay, or they die.

"The *New Yorker* has had a very different kind of existence. The development of this magazine from this light and wonderful comic weekly under [founder Harold] Ross, and then gaining reportorial heft and intellectual seriousness under Shawn, and then not radical change under Gottlieb, but adding certain graphic elements at the margins, and then Tina coming in and opening up the thing in such a radical way.

"But it's still the same magazine. It has the same genetic material."

Remnick becomes the *New Yorker*'s fifth editor since its founding more than six decades ago. He has been a star writer at the magazine, producing more than 100 articles on a dazzling array of subjects, discoursing with authority and literary flair about everything from Boris Yeltsin's political travails to Luciano Pavarotti's opera career and Mike Tyson's rise and fall.

In his decade at the *Washington Post*, Remnick was equally eclectic.

Starting in 1982 as an intern in the Style section, he then worked the night police beat, covered tennis and pro basketball for the Sports section and worked in Style and the *Washington Post Magazine* before going to Moscow for a four-year tour in 1988.

During a period of upheaval in the Soviet Union, which was soon to disappear as a political entity, Remnick chronicled the politics and personalities of an emerging democracy.

He wrote his prize-winning *Lenin's Tomb* based on his *Post* reporting, and has gone on to produce three other books, including *King of the World*, a study of the young Muhammad Ali, to be published this fall.

NEWHOUSE, who, like Remnick, declined to discuss the terms of the position – which pays in the high six figures in salary, perks and other compensation – said Remnick is not under orders to reverse the *New Yorker*'s financial fortunes. The magazine has lost an estimated $175 million since Newhouse bought it in 1985.

"He has no mandate and we never discussed the subject," Newhouse said. "I guess any editor is aware in general terms of the statistics of his magazine. But David's mandate, such as it is, has nothing to do with ad pages or revenue.... I think he has got to discover his own magazine for himself."

Newhouse said Remnick met with him twice last week before he made his pick on Sunday about 10 p.m. Remnick was among four candidates considered for the job.

In an unusual twist, Newhouse gave Remnick the nod merely a few hours after *Slate* magazine editor Michael Kinsley provisionally accepted Newhouse's offer of the job Sunday evening and then went off with Newhouse to a celebratory dinner.

Kinsley recalls that Newhouse discussed with him how they would try to keep the sure-to-be disconsolate Remnick at the magazine after Newhouse gave him the bad news Monday morning.

But 15 minutes after they parted company at the restaurant, according to Kinsley's e-mailed account that Newhouse doesn't dispute, the billionaire phoned Kinsley at his hotel and withdrew the offer.

"It was not pleasant at all," a drained and angry Kinsley said Monday. "I'm glad I found out what this guy is like to work for before I took the job."

Of Remnick, Kinsley said: "He's a fantastic writer and an extremely intelligent thinker and a very nice guy.... He's never been an editor before and that's a big question mark. I'd like to think there is some value to the skill and experience of what I have spent most of my life doing....

"But if there is some way I can wish David Remnick well without wishing Si Newhouse well, I would like to do that."

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US business leaders urge 'drastic' Japan reform

By MIKI SHIMOGORI

TOKYO (Reuters) – Unlike past meetings often overshadowed by bitter trade disputes, Japan and US business leaders presented a united front yesterday to press Japan to take "urgent and drastic" action to revive its economy.

More than 90 Japanese and US business leaders who had gathered in Tokyo for a three-day annual conference sounded an alarm for the Japanese government, saying that a sense of urgency was what the nation must keep in mind.

"One of our purposes... is to reinforce the sense of urgency to tackle many fundamental issues that are facing Japan today because of their broader implications through Asia and around the world," Michael Jordan, chairman and chief executive of CBS Corp., told a news conference.

Jordan co-chaired the 35th Japan-US Business Conference with Mitsubishi Corp Chairman Minoru Makihara.

"Both sides shared a common view, as a sense of crisis is spreading amid Japan's economic gloom and a planned change in the administration [of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto]," Makihara told the same news conference.

On Monday, Hashimoto announced that he would step down as prime minister to take the blame for his Liberal Democratic Party's stunning setback in Sunday's Upper House election.

A joint statement released after the conference called for steps by Japan to remove bad loans from bank balance sheets, for swift implementation of permanent cuts in corporate and income taxes, and for consolidated taxation.

"Given its extensive trade and investment ties throughout Asia, Japan in particular should renew efforts to open its markets to foreign goods and services and stimulate its economy, in order to stabilize the yen and spur economic recovery in the region," the statement said.

The business leaders also said that development of "electronic commerce" should be led by the private sector and urged government not to impose unnecessary controls.

Yotaro Kobayashi, chairman of Fuji Xerox Co Ltd, said there had been a fundamental change in the position of Japanese business leaders, who in contrast to their US counterparts participating in a robust US economy, have increasingly lost confidence.

"We now admit that Japan's [economic] problem is the top priority issue, and the joint statement symbolized the changing relations between the two sides," Kobayashi said.

Fuji Bank chairman Toru Hashimoto echoed that view, saying that although the US economy was now performing well, that would not last forever and would eventually come to a turning point.

"It is important to ensure recovery in the Japanese economy by that time," he said.

Bilateral trade issues were treated as a secondary topic at this meeting, but US business leaders said that trade could re-emerge as a political problem in the future.

"Clearly a rising trade deficit can be a political problem in the United States, but I think leadership in our country can defend the current situation as we see vigorous action taken by Japan in line with our recommendation," CBS's Jordan said.

Chinese minister holds historic Taiwan visit

By ALICE HUNG

TAIPEI (Reuters) – The first cabinet minister from communist China to set foot in rival Taiwan arrived yesterday and said the unprecedented visit would open the door for new cooperation between Taipei and Beijing.

"I am very pleased to visit the motherland's precious island," Science and Technology Minister Zhu Lilan said at Taipei airport, choosing language that carefully drove home Beijing's claim to sovereignty over Taiwan.

Zhu, leading a 14-member delegation to a seminar on cross-strait science and technology exchanges, was the first cabinet minister from Beijing to visit Taiwan since the Nationalist government fled there from the mainland during the Chinese Civil War in 1949.

Beijing regards the Nationalist-ruled island as a renegade province that must be brought under mainland rule. Neither side recognizes the other's sovereignty.

Zhu said she hoped the trip would help promote cooperation and exchanges across the Taiwan strait.

"With the advent of the 21st century, both sides need to strengthen exchanges," Zhu said. "Technological development is the key for the Chinese people to grow and flourish. I hope the visit will pave new ways for bilateral cooperation."

Zhu, the first head of China's new Ministry of Science and Technology, was scheduled to speak tomorrow about mainland technological developments and cross-strait science exchanges.

The ministry replaced the old State Science and Technology Commission, a cabinet-level agency.

Taiwan's semi-official Industrial Technology Research Institute, which is hosting the seminar, said Zhu came to Taiwan not as an official but in her private capacity as a Peking University professor and was not scheduled to meet any Taiwan official.

Somber mood in N. Ireland as 3 murdered boys are buried

By MARTIN COWLEY

RASHARKIN, (Reuters) – The funeral got under way yesterday of three young boys murdered in a sectarian arson attack that stunned Northern Ireland.

The deaths in a suspected petrol bomb attack by pro-British "loyalist" extremists put enormous pressure on the Protestant Orange Order to call off their supporters' often violent protests against a ban on one of their most important annual parades.

Despite calls from political and religious leaders in Northern Ireland and England, Orangemen at Portadown refused to give up their protest and vowed to remain there until they were allowed to march along the town's Catholic Garvaghy Road.

But there were signs, despite some overnight clashes between Protestant militants and police at Portadown, that the protest was scaling down in the somber national mood prompted by the deaths of Richard Quinn, 11, and his brothers, Mark, 10, and Jason, eight.

At the home of the boys' grandmother, Irene Quinn, in Rasharkin, 65 km northwest of Belfast, three small white coffins were carried out by weeping pallbearers to begin their sad journey to the church in the nearby town of Ballymoney, where the boys had lived.

Under grey skies, their mother, Chrissie, supported by her own mother and the boys' surviving brother, Lee, aged 12, walked behind the cortege.

For most of the time, Chrissie Quinn's face was buried in a handkerchief she used to stifle her sobs.



The three coffins containing the bodies of Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn are carried yesterday by family and mourners to the Catholic church in Rasharkin, Northern Ireland for burial. (AP)

Four men carried each coffin, some of them weeping openly.

The first stage of the funeral cortege was on foot, with about 200 villagers and relatives accompanied by about 20 uniformed firemen walking behind. The coffins were then placed in a hearse to be taken to Ballymoney, where a multi-denominational funeral service was to be held at the Church of Our Lady and Saint Patrick.

The boys would, however, be buried at Saint Mary's cemetery in Rasharkin because, according to their grandmother, their mother does not wish to return to Ballymoney.

An elderly Catholic bystander said the village of Rasharkin was in shock after the killings.

Police were still questioning two men arrested on Monday in connection with the murders.

The boys' primary school headmaster, Joe McConaghie, said they were "three typical wee boys, full of fun and full of life".

"I was totally shocked and saddened about the tragic news."

Titanic-era champagne treasure to be salvaged

By ADAM JASSER

RAUMA, Finland (Reuters) – Salvagers of a sunken champagne treasure in the Baltic Sea say that if the weather holds, the prize Heidsieck may be within their reach in hours.

But they are not convinced the weather is on their side.

Swede Claes Bergvall, who discovered the 25-meter wooden ketch *Jonkoping* which sank in 1916, yesterday said the wreck was almost ready for lifting but if an already gusty wind turned stronger, the operation could be delayed again.

"We are now connecting the lifting harness and later today we should get it hooked to the lifting line," he said. "But we need to wait for a few hours to see what the weather is like."

Once the weather is right, the wreck will be hoisted close to the surface from a depth of 64 meters (210 feet) by a powerful crane on the salvage team's floating rig Pemille Diver.

For the last 10 days, divers from the rig have braved extreme pressure and near-freezing temperatures to dig out mud from beneath the ship's bow and stern to put lifting slings under the hull.

But the bow was buried deeper than expected in the seabed, forcing a delay of several days during which divers struggled to wash out the mud with high-pressure water pumps.

Divers can work on the wreck for just one hour out of six needed for a full descent, including decompression time to avoid "the bends" when they surface.

The sling was finally put in place on Monday.

The ship, carrying 5,000 bottles of 1907 Heidsieck & Co champagne and several dozen casks of cognac and wine, was on its way to supply the Tsar's army in Finland when it was sunk by a German submarine.

Bergvall, who spent months researching the events of that fateful day in November 1916, says it appears the crew opened some crates of champagne because several dozen bottles were scattered on the sunken ship's deck.

During World War One, Finland was controlled by Germany's foe Russia and the bubbly and cognac aboard *Jonkoping* were meant for the officers of the Tsarist army stationed here.

Several hundred bottles of Heidsieck recovered by divers have revealed perfectly drinkable champagne.

Experts who tasted the wine said it was ideally preserved by the cold and dark Baltic Sea and there are hopes the cognac is also intact. Up to 80,000 bottles can be filled if all the amber liquor is recovered.

Bergvall hopes to sell each bottle of champagne for about $3,000 and says the cognac should not be worth less once blended and put in specially-designed bottles.

Belated funeral for tsar stirs political controversy

By LAWRENCE SHEETS

YEKATERINBURG, (Reuters) – Eighty years after Tsar Nicholas II and his family were murdered by the country's new Communist rulers, they will have a long-awaited state funeral this week.

What was planned as a reconciliation with a painful national memory has degenerated into an ugly political spectacle and few people hold out hope that the controversy surrounding Russia's last emperor will be buried along with his bones.

Government and church leaders have bickered over whether the remains are authentic, where to bury them and even over the cost of the reinterment.

Top Russian Orthodox church officials will not take part in the ceremonies, which begin in Yekaterinburg tomorrow and end in the imperial capital of St Petersburg on Friday, arguing that the remains may not really be those of the royal family.

Neither will President Boris Yeltsin or many foreign dignitaries, even though the event is billed as a state funeral and the government has steadfastly defended the authenticity of the bones.

Bolshevik leaders, locked in a civil war with troops loyal to Nicholas, ordered him, his wife, their children and the family servants exterminated in this central Russian city on July 17, 1918. Their corpses were soaked in acid and tossed into a mass grave in a forest.

They were dug out 20 years ago and forensic experts in Russia, Britain and the United States, using DNA matching techniques, established that there was more than a 99.99 percent chance that the remains were authentic.

That has not been convincing enough for church officials, who insist that every last vestige of doubt be removed, and therefore the funeral will be a "temporary re-burial".

Even representatives of Russia's nobility say the controversy has become so fierce that perhaps the ceremonies should not go ahead.

"There is no doubt about it, these are the real remains," said Sergei Kolotvinov, representative of the Russian Nobles Assembly in Yekaterinburg and a reburial commission member.

"But if there is disagreement in society, then I don't think it is the time for a funeral," he said.

Compounding the row over the authenticity of the bones has been the tug-of-war surrounding where to bury them.

Eduard Rossel, governor of the Sverdlovsk region which includes Yekaterinburg, cited the Orthodox tradition of burying the dead in the place where they perished in trying to win approval for them to stay in his Ural mountains city.

Populist Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov later joined the fray, offering the capital as the final resting place for the tsar before St Petersburg, home to the palaces and trappings of imperial glory, finally was selected.

The organization of the ceremonies and the political fuss has been attacked in the media as a national shame.

"What kind of aura can emanate from the grave of the last Russian emperor if he not only suffered in life but even after death can't find peace, having remained a playing card in the hand of selfish politicians?," the popular daily *Moskovsky Komsomolets* said.

"The authorities have not shown respect towards the memory of the former ruler and by the laws of life shouldn't in the future count on being respected themselves," it added.

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Rural decline brews Australian revolt

By MICHAEL PERRY

SYDNEY – Australia's conservative rural heartland is hurting and cries from the farm are warnings of a political backlash which could decimate Prime Minister John Howard's conservative government after only two years in office.

Like 1996, when Australia's urban blue-collar voters abandoned then prime minister Paul Keating, ending 13 years of Labor party rule, disillusioned conservative voters are echoing the same complaint – the government has abandoned them.

But this time around the Labor opposition might not be the recipient of the protest vote against the government.

Opinion polls predict the nationalistic One Nation party led by independent Pauline Hanson, which won 11 seats in the recent Queensland state election, will reap the rewards – leaving Australia's two major political parties in disarray.

Howard must call an election by next year but he is widely expected to announce an early poll for political and economic reasons.

Rapid change in the past decade, economic and social, has left the people on the farm feeling abandoned, their cultural identity and national relevance questioned. Despair has become a widespread malaise.

"Many communities in rural Australia now feel under siege, with declining populations, declining incomes, declining services and a declining quality of life," says a rural report by the Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission.

In the past 30 years, Australia has lost 100,000 farms as families leave the land and the government's Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics predicts a further 20 percent of families will abandon the land in the next decade.

Australia once "rode on the sheep's back" as national prosperity rose with commodity prices following World War II.

In the 1950s agriculture represented 14% of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) but is now only 3%.

Average farm income in 1997-98 was around A$50,000 a year, but 64% of farmers lost money and one-third survived only through off-farm income. On paper, the average farm profit was a meager A$2,000 if you include depreciation and family labor.

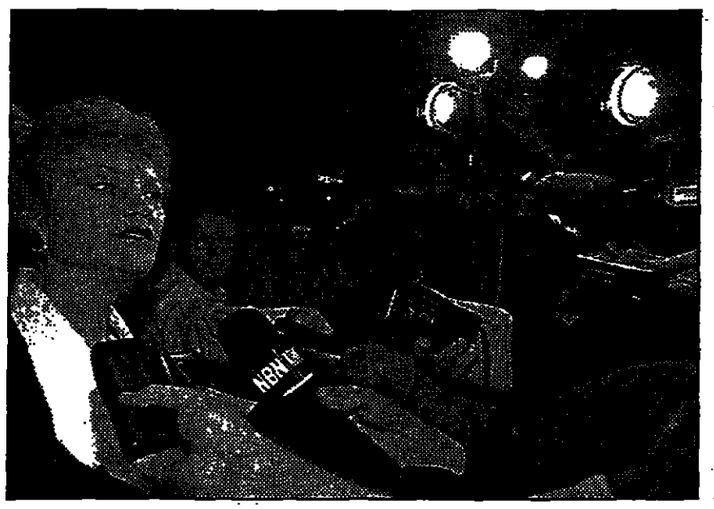
To survive, many farmers have expanded their acreage. A viable sheep farm now needs 5,000 head of sheep, a 50% increase on six to seven years ago.

But faced with high fixed interest rates on loans taken to expand farms in the early 1990s, subsequent weak commodity prices and drought, farm debt has risen 34% in the past decade, hitting a record A$18 billion in June 1995.

In a domino-like effect as farm incomes fall, rural businesses collapse, unemployment soars, populations decline and government services close or are privatized and then pruned.

One third of small towns suffered population decline between 1986 and 1996, said the Australian Bureau of Statistics report "Australian Social Trends 1998." Most of these towns were in wheat-sheep belts, dryland grazing regions and mining districts.

As bush towns decline, rural unemployment has risen to around 10%, compared with a national rate of around 8%, and rural youth unemployment has soared to 40%.



The One Nation Party, led by independent Pauline Hanson (seen here attending a rally last week on the Gold Coast), is poised to reap the rewards of the protest votes against the government. (AP)

The shift off the land has also meant widespread school and hospital closures. Many rural towns do not have a doctor and some have gone on national television offering free housing, car and a guaranteed income to attract a doctor.

Of the 37 poorest electorates in Australia, 33 are in the bush, as Australia's rural heartland is known. The average household weekly income in Sydney is A$635, but in bush towns in the state of New South Wales it is A$435.

"There is no doubt there are many areas of rural poverty in our nation," Howard told parliament after a trip to rural Queensland electorates which turned to One Nation.

"The reality is that a lot of Australians in the bush work very hard (but) ... they've been savagely mauled by the downturn in world markets ...," he said in defending his rural policy.

THE FREE market doctrine adopted by successive Australian governments in the past 15 years has left many rural towns feeling abandoned as corporate boardrooms in cities and overseas capitals decide the fate of rural workers and towns.

In January, the copper mine in the New South Wales town of Cobar closed as prices fell. The Ghana-based Ashanti Goldfields liquidated its Cobar Mines unit, leaving 260 miners without jobs and A$10.5 million in unpaid wages, leave and superannuation.

The mine was the town's main employer and also owed A$5.6m. to local businesses. Pleas for government assistance in the fight against the foreign miner have fallen on deaf ears.

The deregulation of the banking industry has also seen more than 400 branch closures between 1991 and 1996, many in small rural towns which have resulted in local business failures as farmers traditionally shop in the same town as their bank.

"Many see the closure of central services as signaling the 'death of a town,' " said Australian Social Trends 1998 report.

The government's plan to fully privatize telecommunications firm Telstra, which like banks, subsidizes rural services with higher city charges, is seen as further abandonment of farmers.

Declining services and unemployment have proven ripe areas for the Howard government to target with pre-election sweeteners.

On Friday, the government went on a A$1 billion (US$610m.) spending spree in the latest in a series offers to woo back disaffected supporters.

The Liberal-National government unveiled A$150m. in cut-price phone calls for the bush and A$770m. for the ailing textile, clothing and footwear industry. The previous day, the government unveiled a A$425m. mobile telephone upgrade for rural Australia.

Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer conceded last week the handouts were aimed directly at Hanson's surge in popularity and growing support for her party's policies against immigration, Aboriginal welfare and free trade.

But the sweeteners are relatively small and will do little to tackle some of the deeper troubles plaguing the bush, for example declining health standards.

Farming is ranked as one of the most stressful occupations in Australia, with widespread poor health, depression and a high level of drug abuse, says the government's department of primary industries.

Pneumonia and influenza rates are 94% higher in rural women, while for men and women heart disease is up 18%, strokes are up 29% and traffic accidents are up 61%.

But young people seem to suffer the most from rural decline, with rural youth suicide up 600% in the past 25 years, compared with a 50% rise in cities.

The suicide death rate for males aged between 15 and 24 in the bush is around 33 per 100,000, compared with about 24 per 100,000 in cities.

"These kids talk about it as another option, one of the things you might do in the future if you don't get a job," says rural health worker Melinda Murray. (Reuters)

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Danny Glover (left) and Mel Gibson hog the camera in endless, yammering spats but nothing they do in 'Lethal Weapon IV' could be confused with acting.

A 'Lethal Weapon' too far

MOVIE REVIEW

Among the SIG-Sauers and AK-47s and Colts and Berettas and Smith & Wessons that decorate *Lethal Weapon IV*, the most lethal weapon of all turns out to be the script.

This curious document must have been written on one side of a post-card using a very fat red crayon.

That's about the amount of story the movie contains, and I know it was a fat crayon because there are four people listed in the writing and story credits and it must have taken all of them to maneuver it through those complicated zig-zaggy letters like "w" and "x."

The rest is gratuitous violence and stunts, some quite spectacular, all resolutely meaningless.

There's also a little comic banter and a lot of redundancy. Did we really need both Chris Rock and Joe Pesci? I mean, isn't one funny-man enough, especially with the bickering Bickersons of Law Enforcement, Mel Gibson and Danny Glover, hogging the camera in endless yammering love spats?

And how many car chases can one movie have?

All the regulars are here. The movie really should have been called "Lethal Weapon: The Reunion." Besides Pesci, Rene Russo reprises from III. Gibson's Beretta and Glover's Smith are of course on hand, or should I say, in hand.

Does anybody remember the first film? That was an actual movie, until it went nuts at the end, and the lethal weapon of the title was Gibson's melancholy mind. He was a devastated, self-loathing Vietnam vet hellbent on spectacular self-extinction; memories of America's least favorite war filled the film, giving it an almost tragic dignity.

Its arc was redemptive. It watched as the crippled loner white man was healed by the healthy black family man. It was as full of love as it was of guns – and it was very full of guns.

Four profitable editions down the line, that's all gone, to be replaced by nothing. The movie has no subtext at all, unless it's something like "orange propane explosions are cool!" Maybe they are, but every 3 minutes and 21 seconds?

When the movie finally gets started, about an hour or so in, it seems to be about a scam by which the Chinese triads are buying the freedom of imprisoned elders from corrupt Chinese generals with counterfeit yen.

Why, you ask, as nobody connected with the production ever did, would such a thing take place on American soil, not Chinese? Possibly the movie explains it, possibly it doesn't; who could tell?

The real reason, however, is that if it took place in China there'd be no excuse for Gibson and Glover to launch a car from the Ventura Freeway, plunge it through a drafting office full of blueprints, people and desks, re-launch it on the other side, and have it land on the Santa Monica Freeway.

Is this worth seeing? If you like breakage, the answer is a big yes. Glover's Murtaugh and Gibson's Riggs literally get in the way of the Chinese caper when their fishing boat is sunk by a tramp freighter smuggling in illegals in a gambit so tertiary to the central plot that it's hardly there at all.

Riggs sinks the freighter with his pistol, while Murtaugh shanghais the members of one alien family and grants them his own private asylum, because he's moved by the "slavery" aspects of their plights (the illegals are indentured to Chinese gangsters for $35,000 worth of hard labor).

Eventually the immigrant family is re-acquired by the triad boys to use as leverage to get an engraver to complete the counterfeit job. Everything else is riffs and racism.

The director, Richard Donner, was so proud of his anti-apartheid stand that he did a whole movie about it (*Lethal Weapon II*), and he festoons this picture with anti-NRA and anti-assault rifle messages (even though he's probably sold more Berettas to the American public than Beretta's actual ad agency).

But he seems to regard Asians as amusing li'l Oriental fellers, with buck teeth and funny accents. He even uses the old "flied lice" gag! Some liberal!

The movie's one grace note is sounded by its villain, played by the Hong Kong action star Jet Li. This guy has martial arts moves that are so dynamic one can hardly believe them, some twisty scissors kick action that makes him seem like he's from another dimension, or at least another form of gravity.

When he lets loose, the movie becomes, however so briefly, fascinating, even awesome. It's the power, instantly recognizable, of the authentic over the artificial.

As for Gibson and Glover, both remain likable but nothing they do could be confused with acting. Alice and Ralph Kramden sniped at each other more funnily 40 years ago than these two old wheezers.

Lethal Weapon IV is also endless. You know the thing where you think it's over and you start to get up, and suddenly a whole new scene begins and your heart sinks? It does this twice.

Twice! This is some kind of weirdness: A movie that almost forgets to start almost forgets to end. (The Washington Post)

Lethal Weapon IV opens on July 23.

Philips multi-disc boxes: Old music in a new format

CLASSIC DISCS

Philips is offering a huge number of its old discs to the public in a new format. In the ongoing effort to use the existing catalogue to boost sales, the company has come up with multi-disc boxes featuring some of the real treasures in its repertoire, at attractive prices.

The offer is more than attractive. Space-wise, a box comprising about 10 discs is the size of a regular double, two-disc opera album because each disc has a very soft cover, and there is just one booklet, albeit detailed and full of texts. Above all, the music itself is gorgeous.

Years before the authentic early-music wave hit the market, Philips released a large number of what we today call early-music recordings, some in this new format.

Monteverdi's *The Book of Madrigals* (462 243-2, 8 CDs) is a revelation. In an age in which we tend to listen to early music performed only by so-called specialists comes Raymond Leppard, who recorded these numerous madrigals in the late Sixties and early Seventies, suggesting that the vitality, freshness and verve of this music can also be produced by "normal" singers and musicians.

The voices are relatively bigger than you would hear today in this repertoire, rounder and fuller and lack the so-called authentic esprit of today's baroque singers. But the presentation is as dramatic if not more so, and listening to over



Hector Berlioz

eight hours of Monteverdi madrigals by these fine singers is a pure delight. Any music buff, including those who believe totally in the early music revolution, should savor these treasures.

Besides recording numerous symphonies and operas by Haydn, Philips also devoted time to producing impressive Vivaldi editions through the years. The 10-disc set of Vivaldi's sacred music (462 234-2) in which Vittorio Negri leads three different orchestras (the English Chamber, the Berlin Chamber and the Concertgebouw Chamber), choirs and many again not customary early-music singers is another revelation which offers an extensive peek at a repertoire not often performed today.

Again, these are early music renditions from the pre-early music performance practice era, yet the eleven-and-a-half hours of music offered in this collection are as fresh and vibrant as one could imagine. One of the highlights is the powerful presentation of the oratorio Juditha triumphans.

The Berlioz album (462 252-2, 9 CDs) is a totally different ball game. During the Sixties and Seventies, Sir Colin Davis recorded the entire Berlioz output for Philips.

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Davis breathes Berlioz like very few other conductors do. His recordings of the composer's music have become legendary and here one has a chance to enjoy a large bulk of this music, performed by the London Symphony Orchestra, who play it like angels with Davis on the podium.

Besides the larger works like *Romeo et Juliette*, *Le Damnation de Faust*, *L'enfance du Christ* and *Lelio*, there is also a great version of *Les Nuits d'ete* with various, and not the customary, singers and many more treasures, some of which are not available on many, if any, other recordings.

This is the perfect Berlioz companion, truly great music performed by superb musicians and a conductor who is one of the best interpreters of this repertoire.

Summertime, and the singing ain't easy

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Every summer young Israeli and international opera singers gather in Tel Aviv to hone their craft and widen their horizons with some of the best opera teachers in the world.

But what serves as a first-rate opera summer school for the singers is also one of the more entertaining and enriching events for the general public. Both the open master classes and the program of mini-opera productions presented by course participants are usually sold out in an instant.

This year's productions include *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *Rigoletto*, *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, *The Telephone*, *Adriana Lecouvreur*, *Les Mamelles de Tiresias*, Monteverdi's *Orfeo* as well as Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*.

The summer opera program of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute is the baby of American Joan Dornemann, a tireless pianist, prompter, teacher and coach at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Each summer, she manages to bring some of the finest opera teachers from all over the world to Tel Aviv, where they teach the young singers with lots of devotion, energy, vitality and excitement.

As in the past, this year's teachers' roster is most impressive. There are some great opera singers of the past and present, like Mignon Dunn or Ljuba Kazarnovskaya, and others who specialize in teaching rather than performing, like John Norris, Linda Hall, Martin Isepp, Paul Nadler, Pierre Vallet, Lucy Arner, Nico Castel, Patricia McCafferty, and the musicals expert Dan Gettinger, for example.

There are also some newcomers, such as soprano Diana Soviero, one of the finest Madame Butterflys of our time, legendary basso Paulo Montarsolo, and towering baritone Justino Diaz. Each will give an open master class and numerous private lessons.

None of the singers or teachers come to the program to relax. All work hard for many hours each day.

The summer opera program of the IVAI, which opened earlier this week, runs until August 8. The public master classes and the mini-productions take place mostly at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv, with some events at the Enav Center and the closing gala concert at Noga in Jaffa.

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Classics festival at Mount Scopus

The Classical Music Gems mini-festival was such a success last Pessah that a follow-up concert will be held this Saturday at the Augusta Victoria Church on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem.

The spring festival, a week-long series of concerts at a Jerusalem church, began as an effort to enrich Jerusalem's classical music diet and offer a showcase for local musicians.

Several of the festival's highlights are be presented this Saturday.

Violinist David Bartov leads the Jerusalem Soloists Chamber Orchestra in a concerto grosso by Handel, and plays the solo part in Tartini's the *Devil's Trill*. The program is highlighted by the Pergolesi *Stabat Mater* with soloists soprano Larisa Tetuev and mezzo soprano Susanna Poretsky.

IPO Friends in Swiss Festival

The 1998 Verbier Festival and Academy (July 17-August 2) in the charming and serene Swiss French Alps village continues to be a meeting place for some of the world's leading musicians. Enthusiastic audiences listen to concerts and recitals and watch master classes by by virtuosos.

Among this year's soloists are the IPO's Yefim Bronfman, Sarah Chang, Lynn Harrell, Yevgeni Kissin, Mischa Maisky, Vadim Repin, Kurt Masur, Yuri Bashment, Barbara Hendricks, Yuri Temirkanov, Maxim Vengerov and others.

The IPO connection is no coincidence. The artistic adviser of this festival is IPO secretary general Avi Shoshani. For information and tickets call 41-27-771 8282 or fax 41-27-771-7057.

Brook and Bausch do opera

The renowned British director Peter Brook returns to opera, the art form he so loves, to direct a new production of *Don Giovanni* at the Aix en Provence festival this summer.

Brook, whose breakthough adaptation/production of *La tragedie de Carmen* changed the way opera is presented in many parts of the world, has directed several operas in the past.

Don Giovanni will be conducted by Claudio Abbado.

At the same festival choreographer Pina Bausch directs Bartok's *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*.

Tickets on sale for chamber-music bonanza

The first ever Jerusalem International Chamber Music Festival, organized by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra IBA (September 3-12), features 10 long chamber music evenings at the Khan Theater in Jerusalem.

Tickets (NIS 72-90 for individual concerts and NIS 450-550 for all ten concerts) are now on sale through the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra box office and other ticket offices through the country.

Artistic director Elena Bashkirova has gathered some of the finest musicians around for this event including Mischa Maisky, Yefim Bronfman, Radovan Vlatkovic, Julian Rachlin and many more.

Master classes in the North I

The International Piano Master Classes in honor of Ada Caspi take place July 30-August 15 in Kfar Bloom.

Galilee residents and those who travel north will enjoy master classes by leading local and international pianists such as Jose Ribera, John O'Conor, Sontraud Speidel, Yobeved Kaplinsky, Yahli Wagman, Pnina Salzman, Emanuel Krasovsky, Victor Derevianko and others. There will also be a series of special events and concerts. The final concert takes place August 15 in Tel Aviv.

Master classes in the North II

The Keshet Eilon master classes for violinists take place July 24-August 11 at Kibbutz Eilon in the Western Galilee.

Young talented violinists from all over the world will hone their craft under the guidance of such illustrious violinists as Shlomo Mintz, Haim Taub, Ora Shiran, Andrea Cappeletti, Hagai Shaham, Annie Schnarch, Itzhak Rashkovsky, David Chen and others.

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Zichroni's two-edged sword

Unfortunately for the innocent victims, the truth generally has a hard time keeping up with a potential scandal. The accusations of improper contacts by District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov during the trial of Nahum Manbar are serious, and have been found by the State Attorney's Office to warrant investigation. But if the accusations turn out to be false, the true scandal will be how easily scandals can be generated and inflamed by parties who have an interest in doing so.

Last month, Nahum Manbar was convicted of selling Iran material to produce mustard and nerve gas and equipment to build factories to produce chemical warheads. The court found that Manbar, a former paratrooper, had been paid $16 million to betray his country, and had "sacrificed the security of the state at the altar of personal greed." A three-judge panel, headed by Strashnov, convicted Manbar of aiding and abetting an enemy, and of passing along information to the enemy with the intention of harming the state.

After Manbar was convicted, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu not only spoke of the severity of the crime, but said Manbar should be "severely punished." At the time, the defense team criticized Netanyahu for attempting to influence the court proceedings through his public statements.

Indeed, the practice of prime ministers speaking out on high-profile cases is a questionable one. Even in a case such as the Manbar trial, in which the national implications of the crime in question could not be more severe, it should not be acceptable for ministers to give the courts public advice. But the claim of the defense that a mistrial should be declared because of such utterances is farfetched.

Judges are rightly expected to shrug off the barrage of pressures that media discussion of a case can produce. Ministerial, even prime ministerial involvement in such pressures should be avoided, but we all should have enough trust in our judges to be confident that they will not be swayed by such pressures. The charge in his petition to the High Court yesterday by Manbar's defense lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, that Netanyahu spoke with Strashnov regarding the case is a much more serious one. Zichroni claims that Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, told former Manbar defense team member attorney Pninat Yanai that Netanyahu had spoken with Strashnov. Zichroni's petition also claimed that Manbar's wife, Francine, has recordings of Yanai telling her about the Netanyahu conversations with Strashnov.

Netanyahu, Bazak, and Yanai all vehemently deny these allegations, some of which originate from a former boyfriend of Yanai who, she claims, is "mentally unstable" and was paid for his testimony. In addition, however, Zichroni makes another, even more serious charge: that Strashnov was romantically pursuing Yanai. Sources in the prosecutors' office characterized these charges as "second-hand gossip that mostly does not pertain to the relevant period of the trial" but rather to the period when she worked as Strashnov's apprentice.

Both charges – of Netanyahu initiating conversations with Strashnov and Strashnov pursuing a member of the defense team during the trial – are very serious and must be quickly proven or dismissed. Normally, the Attorney-General's Office and the police must judge whether the allegations are backed with sufficient evidence to warrant investigation. But with so many reputations, including that of the justice system itself, on the line, there is no alternative but to investigate.

The High Court, in rejecting Zichroni's petition to force a mistrial, did recommend the attorney-general request a full police investigation into all the charges raised. It is expected, however, that this investigation will only be ordered after the trial proceedings, including perhaps the appeal process, have ended. The relationship between the appeal and a police investigation is a delicate one and must be worked out between the attorney-general and the court. But along with the primary consideration of doing what is in the interest of a fair trial, the need to quickly clear – or confirm the accusations against – a prominent judge should also be regarded as paramount.

Strashnov, however, should not be regarded as unequally bearing the burden of Zichroni's charges. Zichroni should be putting his own career on the line, if his charges are shown to be an spurious last-minute attempt to overturn his client's conviction. Even if Strashnov's role were compromised, it is important to remember that he was one of three judges who convicted Manbar, so the there is little reason to believe that Manbar's guilt is really in question. The accusation of obstructing justice should be regarded as a two-edged sword that threatens both accuser and accused.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Sir, – In response to Jay Bushinsky's "Pullback plan to inner cabinet today" (July 13), I would like to state that the "Pulse of the People" seminar, sponsored by Israel Policy Forum in cooperation with the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, was not "one sided", as characterized in the report by David Bar-Illan, the prime minister's communications director.

As Bar-Illan well knows, the organizers made repeated efforts to encourage the Prime Minister's Office to provide a replacement for Dr. Uzi Arad when he canceled his participation only a few days before the event.

Indeed, the seminar was organized in a manner that was designed to provide many different perspectives on the key issues. Among the presenters were Israeli security experts (including a former director of the General Security Services and a former coordinator of the territories) and one of Israel's leading (and non-political) pollsters.

The composition of the seminar participants – including other leading Israelis, Palestinians, a representative of the Hashemite Kingdom, and Americans with different points of view – demonstrates the diversity of the program.

ROBERTA FAHN SCHOFFMAN
Israel Policy Forum Representative in Israel.

Jerusalem.

RIGHTEOUS NEGLIGENCE

Sir, – Referring to Edith Dinar's letter "Discipline, not window bars" (July 9), I wasn't sure if her letter was a joke or not.

Please, Mrs. Dinar, run, don't walk – and put those bars back on your windows! Her twisted logic is the same sort of righteous negligence that pervades Israeli society.

Does she really expect the whole education system of Israel to change – that discipline, responsibility and supervision become the norm and not the exception?

And what about the children? Don't we owe it to them to protect them and not rely on miracles?

Yes, we need discipline. But we also need those window bars to save children like poor Amelia Cohen.

JUDY ABIR

Jerusalem.

RULE OF LAW

Sir, – MK Naomi Hazan denounces the repeated attacks on the rule of law coming from the majority "Protect the rule of law" (July 10).

But a day before, the same Naomi Hazan participated in a demonstration against the demolition of an illegally built houses. During this demonstration, organized by "Peace Now" activists, the Jewish soldiers were called "Nazis" for trying to implement the law!

If this isn't an attack on the rule of law, then what is it?

PIERRE ITSHAK LURCAT

Jerusalem.

LIVELY KNESSET

Sir, – Moshe Arens seems to have dedicated himself to annulling the law for the direct election of the prime minister. One of his main objections to that law is the difficulty in unseating the premier which, he claims eliminates Knesset influence on national policy.

Surely he cannot mean that, for that is the very essence of the law's value. After all, it is the prime minister who establishes the national policy which he is intent upon fulfilling. That is why in choosing his partners, if choose he must, he first has them agree to his policy.

But besides all other considerations, any failure which the law might reveal must be accredited to the outcome of the 1996 elections. Too many vest-pocket parties were able to gain representation. That can be corrected by increasing the electoral threshold from the present 1.5 percent to 4.5 percent or even 5 percent.

I believe at least one more attempt should be made under the new law to elect a Knesset which will be more manageable than the present. Only then can we really judge the efficacy, or shortcomings, of the law.

What also should be considered is that in 1949, the 120 Knesset members sufficed for the 35,000 or so voters. Today with close to 3,500,000 eligible voters, that number should be increased by at least an additional 60 members, bringing the total to 180. The increase should make the Knesset a much more lively institution.

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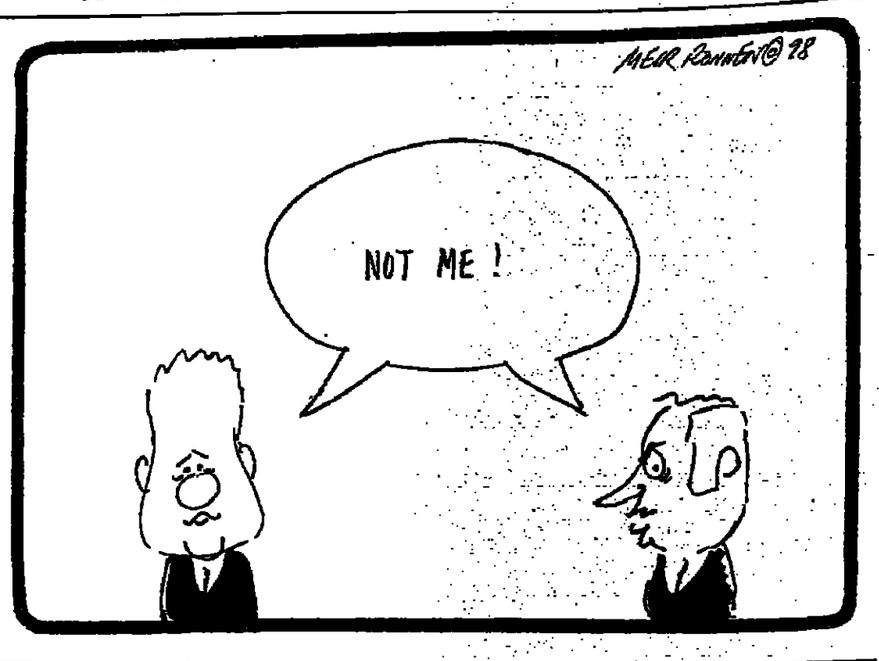
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On July 15, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Egyptian forces attacking Negba were routed with heavy casualties. The Israel Army was advancing on Nazareth and captured Shfar Am. In Jerusalem a coordinated attack by the army and IZL captured Malha, while the town was bombed from the air again – the bombs fell between salvoes of 25-pounder and anti-personnel shells fired from the Arab Legion guns in Nebi Samwil and Sheikh Jarrah.

25 years ago: On July 15, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported from Moscow that eight Jews were severely beaten by prison guards during a 15-day jail sentence they served after demonstrating against an official refusal to let them emigrate to Israel.

Alexander Zvielli



The wall of hatred

MOSHE ZAK

Why was the Palestinian Authority so insistent on rejecting US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's proposal of direct talks with Israel on the IDF pullback? And why does the PA refuse to convene the Palestinian National Council to revoke the anti-Israeli clauses in its national covenant?

The reasons lie not in the category of tactics but of long-term strategy. If one may use an illustrative image, this is the PLO's struggle for the right to broadcast on its TV station Palestinian toddlers reciting anti-Israeli slogans. It is the struggle to hand over hatred to future generations.

Temporary considerations have forced the Palestinian leadership to make declarations in favor of peaceful coexistence with Israel, but their leaders want to limit as far as possible the impact of negotiations with Israel.

The PNC has a stronger impact on the future ideology of Palestinian nationalism than the executive committee that discusses questions of tactics. It's not by chance that the national covenant requires a qualified majority to revoke or amend any of its clauses. Yasser Arafat doesn't want to force the hand of future generations.

First of all, he wants to increase the territorial base of his jurisdiction, and he can't do so without Israel's consent. This is why he announced years ago that the clauses calling for the destruction of Israel were obsolete ("caduc") but that statement need not carry any weight for his successors as long as the covenant remains in force.

The Palestinians have managed to persuade some Israelis that the Israeli government's requirement of direct negotiations and the convening of the PNC is unnecessary and annoying. They succeeded in this because Arafat hasn't revealed the real reasons for his refusals. Quite the reverse. The Palestinians have managed to camouflage their stubborness on this issue with "innocent" tactical reasons: they are willing to talk to the Netanyahu government only after it commits itself in advance to implement the American plan; in other words, after there is nothing left to negotiate.

The PA has ignored the fact that in the Hebron Agreement it made a commitment to complete the process of revoking the anti-Israeli clauses in the Palestinian Covenant. Its spokesmen explain

What's behind the PA's rejection of direct talks with Israel?

that the refusal to convene the PNC is anchored in an agreement with the Peres government that Israel would be content with letters sent by Arafat on this subject to a number of heads of state, and would not require a further explicit public statement by the PNC.

But even if the previous government passed up those requirements, the PA agreed later, in the Hebron Agreement, to "complete the changes" in the covenant. In other words the changes are still incomplete. The protocol recorded by Dennis Ross, on both Netanyahu and Arafat's authority, bears witness to this.

OF course, Israel can survive and develop even if the PLO doesn't change its national covenant. Since the covenant was drawn up, calling for Jews who emigrated to Israel since the Balfour Declaration to return to their countries of origin, the number of Jews in Israel has doubled.

The covenant's amendment isn't essential to Israel's existence, but it is essential to the existence of peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It's not a capricious bargaining chip, but a requirement for the establishment of a lasting peace. It is a prerequisite to a real breakthrough in the wall of hostility.

Anwar Sadat realized that without breaking the psychological barrier for Egyptians and Israelis alike there was no chance of peace. So he began his campaign with a speech in the Egyptian parliament on his willingness to go to the end of the earth, even to the Knesset in Jerusalem, in order to achieve his objective without risking the life of a single Egyptian soldier. Arafat, sitting in the VIP gallery of the Egyptian parliament, was among those who applauded this declaration by Sadat, which paved the way for the peace treaty.

The dramatic step of a decision by the PNC to remove the anti-Israeli sting from the covenant is needed not only to persuade Israel of the sincerity of the Palestinian leadership's statements that they want peace. Such a step is chiefly needed by the PLO leader to educate Palestinian society to peace – if he really wants a stable peace, to eradicate hatred, and not a temporary truce. This revolutionary act, like Sadat's, would free the practical negotiations from the difficulties in which the three-way negotiations between Israel America and the Palestinian are stuck.

The same applies to the renewed Palestinian refusal to conduct direct negotiations with Israel. The demand for direct negotiations isn't an invention of the present government. In the early 1950s, Israel conducted a campaign for direct negotiations in the UN, meeting harsh opposition from the Arab countries.

Arafat prefers the myth that he forced Israel to retreat from the territories of Judea and Samaria through the intifada and American pressure, not by direct peace negotiations with Israel. Such negotiations, like a public declaration by the PNC removing the anti-Israeli sting from the Palestinian covenant, are liable to interfere with the Jericho television channel – and its teaching of hatred towards Israel. Arafat has to decide if he still wants to preserve and perpetuate the hostility and hatred towards Israel for his successors.

Peace and the economy

GAD YAACOBI

A senior government minister told a group of businessmen in New York that there is no relationship between the state of the economy and the progress towards peace.

As I am acquainted with the aforementioned minister and believe in his sincerity, I was surprised at his lack of awareness.

Similar statements were overheard from speakers at the recent Zichron Ya'acov conference. These sentiments demonstrate ignorance or pretension, or both.

Of course, the economic situation is impacted by more factors than just the peace process, but anyone who denies that the level of defense spending, the volume of tourism, external economic relations, rate of investment and the status of the Israeli economy in financial markets are influenced by the geopolitical situation denies reality.

The "globalization" that has become a byword, and is in part true, is not unrelated to the level of acceptance of the state by the "globe," and as can be seen today, it is also not unrelated to the peace process.

Defense expenditure and international relations have economic ramifications. Therefore, peace and normalization also have an effect on the state of the economy and employment, and thus on the status of each individual within the state.

Reduction of the friction with our neighbors, – the Palestinians, Syria and others, – will increase stability and reduce the threat of war. As a result, the certainty of future investment will be raised, and faster economic growth will facilitate increased expenditure on education, science and research.

The Palestinians are Israel's second largest export market – approximately $1.6 billion in 1997 – after the United States. More than 10 percent of Israel's total exports, excluding diamonds, go to the Palestinians. That's more than Israel exports to Britain ($1.2 billion), Germany ($900 million) or Japan ($450 million), all of which are considered key markets for Israel.

The products that the Palestinians purchase suffer more than others from the recession – food and beverages, textiles, footwear and other traditional industries. These industries can ill-afford to lose customers in light of the fact that unemployment in the areas of Israel that rely on these traditional industries is acute.

The Palestinian public also represents a bridge to the wider Arab market in neighboring countries whose consumption grows constantly.

THE gradual establishment of a joint Middle Eastern market, the building of joint infrastructure and the flow of natural gas from Egypt to Israel all are possibilities that would result from progress toward peace.

The world is becoming more open to investment, communication, cultural influence and passage of people and goods from country to country; economic boundaries are disappearing and regions are changing their profile. Western Europe is becoming an economic bloc; and in Eastern Europe the winds of democracy and pluralism are blowing.

We must integrate into this changing world. This is also vital because most Jews outside of Israel live in open, democratic lands.

We must recognize that peace equals security, which equals integration in the world (globalization), which in turn equals economic growth and a high standard of living, and vice versa.

Understanding the reciprocal relationship in this equation is vital to managing appropriate policy.

The peace process has been good to Israel. The Gross National Product rose an average of more than six percent per year between 1994-1996. Even after the recent rise, unemployment is still lower than it was in 1992. Direct investment shot up from 0.8 percent of the GNP in 1992 to 3.5 percent in 1997, and some of the foreign investors who had distanced themselves from Israel made investments here.

This is not, however, the case among the Palestinians. One-fifth of all Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza live in poverty. The rate of unemployment among Palestinians is approximately 30 percent, which invites political and social pressures.

In 1997, the Palestinian standard of living continued to decline; Palestinians are earning less, spending less and becoming poorer. That hurts the chances for peace.

Why should this bother Israel? The US is concerned by the economic crisis in Asia, thousands of miles from its borders, because it affects American interests. Israel should care about the crisis in Gaza just as America is concerned about the crisis in Asia.

The Palestinian public could be – indeed, it is – a bridge to a greater Arab market that is undergoing modernization. The opportunities for business and investment in the Middle East are varied. Arab governments, like those of Egypt and Jordan, are implementing ambitious privatization plans and are opening themselves to foreign investment.

Diplomatic progress is vital to the development and growth of the Israeli economy. Whatever our political outlook, we must understand this and it must affect our decisions.

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Drivers' melting pot

DAVID NEWMAN

I could see that something was wrong the second I arrived home. My wife told me that there was a letter waiting for me on my desk. The tone of her voice was such that it could only have been something terrible.

I knew what was in the letter even before going to see. The income tax, the army, something to do with work – no, none of these things could have bothered me. It could only be one thing – and it was precisely that.

I had received a summons to take part in an evening course for drivers who have accrued more than six penalty points on their record within two years.

I knew I had it coming because, during the previous 18 months, I had been stopped twice for exceeding the speed limit and, having paid the fines, had admitted my guilt.

It was the second time in 18 years of driving here that I have been obliged to attend one of these driving courses.

The first time, some 11 years ago, I was deeply embarrassed and did not tell my friends and colleagues at first... until I actually attended and discovered, to my amazement, that this was the true melting pot of Israeli society.

There was not a sector of society which was not represented there. Lawyers, accountants, professors, street cleaners and stall owners in the local market... it was a true collection of the diverse Israeli citizenry.

THE TRUTH is that these driving courses are instructive. They refresh our memory with many of the finer points of driving behavior and bring us up to date with the changes which have been introduced since we learned to drive, in many cases 20 or more years ago.

We may not admit it publicly, but there is hardly anyone in the class who does not learn something new, regardless of how long they have been driving, and an instructor with a good measure of humor can make the class quite entertaining – especially when discussing ways to avoid police detection of some minor offenses.

Living in the south of the country, I have always felt that the system by which offense points are distributed is unfair. After all, the chance of someone living in the Tel Aviv area driving beyond the speed limit is far less likely than someone who travels long distances on a regular basis.

A driver refresher course is the true melting pot of Israeli society

Once you get south of Kastina, on the way to Beersheba and the surrounding peripheral communities, there is a natural instinct to put a bit of extra pressure on the pedal, as the long, often empty, road appears before you.

That, of course, is just what the traffic cops are waiting for, and before you know it there is a siren coming after you (or maybe a hidden radar detector, in which case you only know about your offense some months later when a letter appears in the mail) and you are forced to make that embarrassing stop on the side of the road, to feel like a petty criminal as your documents are checked, presented with a fine and told to drive more carefully in the future.

It is no different anywhere else in the world, but somehow you feel that it is unfair, and that the police patrol has signalled you out somehow because you are an Ashkenazi immigrant (as if they could have known) and that had it been someone else they would not have been stopped or fined.

Perhaps this is a true sign of successful absorption in Israeli society, the feeling of discrimination practiced by the authorities.

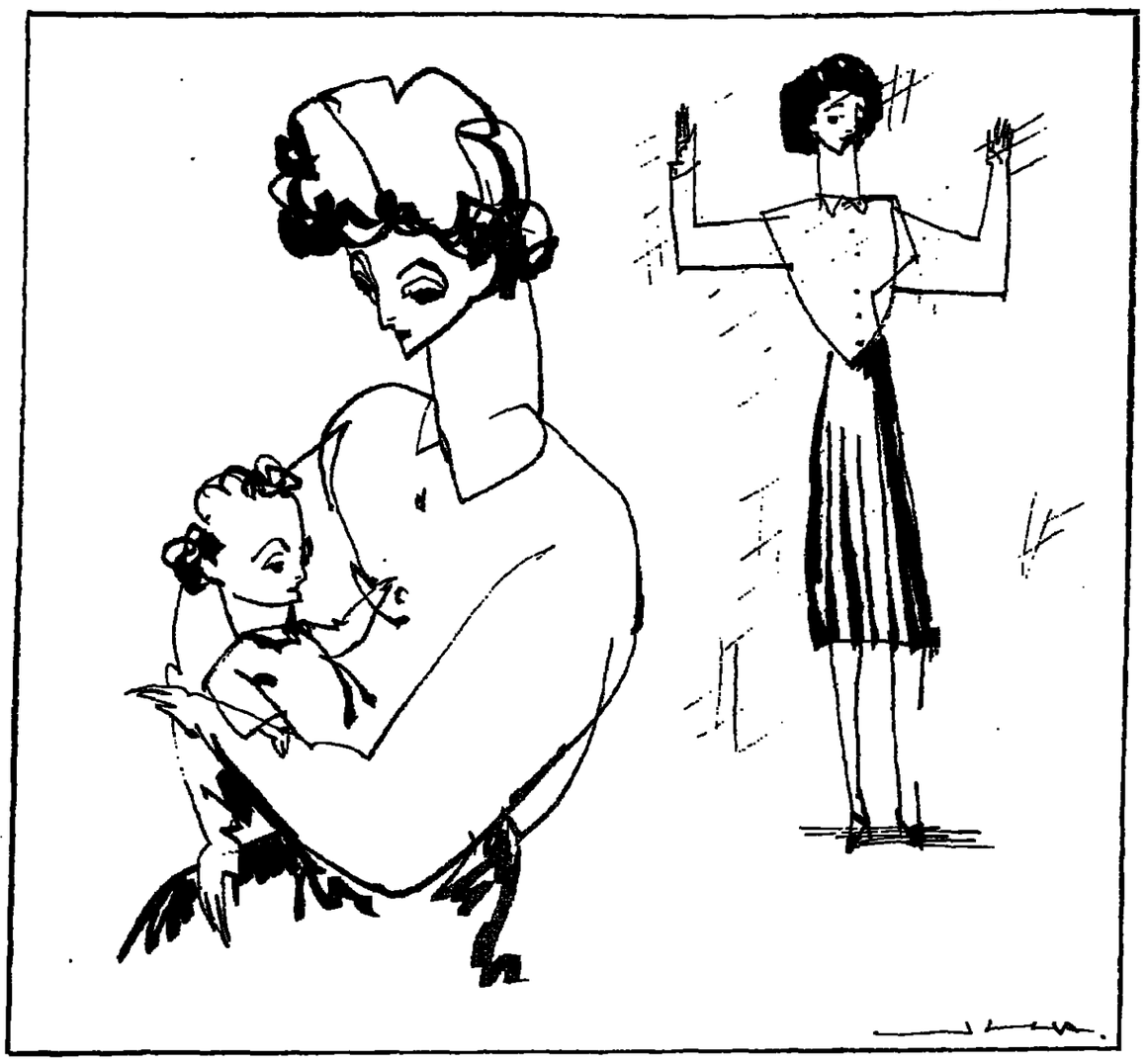
But true absorption is, in the final analysis, to attend a driving course. There is no other single place in Israeli society where so many people from so many backgrounds and professions come together as for this intensive 12-hour course.

The obligatory driver refresher courses have long since replaced the army as the place in which the diverse elements of Israeli citizenry come together. The classroom includes Arabs, haredim, new immigrants – all those groups that do not go to the army – and this is perhaps the only place in Israeli society where everybody is equal and no one faces unfair discrimination.

So once you get over the initial annoyance of giving up some precious evenings and, of course, paying for the privilege of participating in the course, it becomes an interesting, even rewarding, experience. Perhaps it should be made obligatory for everyone, traffic offense or not!

A nest without fledglings

For many people, accepting the fact that they will never have children is like coping with a bereavement. Allison Kaplan Sommer hears about a new support group that aims to help them come to terms with the loss



It can start as innocently as a chat, with a stranger on a bus. "I'll be talking with a little old lady," recounts Orli, a divorced Jerusalemite in her mid-40s, with a catch in her voice, "and then, suddenly, she'll turn to me and ask how many children I have. Not *if* I have children, mind you, but how many."

And there it is again, that familiar twinge – the same pain Orli says she feels when she's watching television and it seems every commercial's featuring cherubic babies hawking diapers, formula, or baby food; or when she finds out that another one of her friends has become a parent – or sometimes a grandparent.

Orli, who like all the women in this article asked that her real name be withheld, says she is finding coming to terms with a life without children – a situation due to a combination of bad luck and personal choice – extremely difficult.

Her suffering isolates her, Orli says, because her childlessness is not a subject she has been able to discuss easily with friends and family, all of whom are married with children and just don't seem to understand.

So she responded eagerly when she saw a newspaper advertisement promoting a new support group for those who are facing the future without children of their own and aren't completely happy about it.

The ad was placed by Celia, also in her mid-40s, who belonged to a similar support group while living abroad, and recently returned to Israel to raise a family.

People come to such groups, Celia says, for a variety of reasons.

For her, it was a decision in her late 30s to marry the man she loved, who was in his 50s, had children from his first marriage, and made it clear that he wasn't interested in any more. He was marrying for a life companion, not to start a second family.

"I thought over the decision to marry him a hundred million times... The truth is, I believed that with a bit of therapy and a bit of influence, once we settled down he might change his mind... but there was no deal; all the influence and cajoling and temper tantrums *didn't change a thing.*" Although Celia describes her marriage as happy, the issue of children never leaves her mind.

While living abroad, away from her friends and career in Israel, the issue of permanent childlessness became more pronounced, leading her to seek out a support group.

Orli says she always planned to get married and have three children, and thought she had found the man she would build her family with.

"I was married between the ages of 28 and 34. Every year, when I said perhaps it was time to start trying [for a child], my husband would say, 'Next year, next year.' Toward the end of the marriage it became clear that not only was our marriage a farce, he never intended to have children."

After her divorce, Orli made what she now believes was a mistake: She would not consider a relationship with a man who didn't want children – and it seemed all of the men she met in her age bracket were not interested. Most, like Celia's husband, were divorced and uninterested in becoming parents again.

Today Orli does not feel she is in a financial position to consider single parenthood, besides which she feels that "every child deserves a father." She hopes the support group will help her cope with her feelings of regret, and help her move toward some form of "closure and acceptance."

Since there are no childless people in her circle, Orli also looks forward to meeting other people in her situation.

Celia's group abroad, on which she plans to model the Israeli group, included couples, single women and men. It began as an outgrowth of an infertility support group, after some members of such groups reached a point where they decided that physically, emotionally and financially they had reached the end of the line in their attempts to conceive a child, and were not interested in adoption or surrogacy.

"It really is a bereavement group," Celia explained. "You learn to come to terms with a loss – you haven't got a child, and are, in a way, mourning the child you never had.

"We discussed issues like growing old without kids, holidays without kids, how to deal with someone showing up at work pregnant; how to cope with family and parents putting pressure on you, with feeling that they are favoring other siblings because they have children. We talked about how to deal with one's partner, if one wanted a child, and the other didn't.

"Not every subject was relevant to every person, but everyone offered support. The main issue is that none of us have kids, and that pain is the same."

The group support helped Celia cope with "that incredible jealousy and sadness."

Celia is hopeful that her idea for a group here will take off, while noting that many Israelis are hesitant to open up in such a setting, even when confidentiality is assured.

"It's such a small country. If you say something [the fear is that] everyone's going to find out."

ELLIE, 43, a single Jerusalemite, said she was thrilled when she saw Celia's ad. Although she has a wide circle of single and childless friends, she still has a hard time talking about her situation with them.

Those who have remained childless out of choice and are happy with their decision, she says, don't particularly want to discuss her troubled feelings on the subject.

"I feel very sensitive about the whole thing," she says. "Giving up on the dream of being a mother is not like giving up on the dream of, say, being a marine biologist. It is so much more important than that.

"If being a marine biologist is that important to you, you can do it at 60. But this is something I can't postpone until later."

Ellie describes the feeling of watching women around her having babies "as if you are on one side of a pane of glass, and the reality you ought to be part of is on the other – like having your nose pressed up against a restaurant window when you are hungry.

"You reach the point where you can't face another *brit*, when it becomes hard to wish a new mother *mazal tov* with a sincere smile. I hope the group will help me with that."

Ellie, who has never been married, admits that she suffered from a "Peter Pan" syndrome for many years, unaware that she was getting older and that her options were narrowing. She was involved in "a relationship that went on too long, at a critical time in my life, with someone who didn't want children *or* marriage.

"For so long, I was into boyfriends, and doing this and doing that, and didn't take the time into account.

"My feelings started when my sister, who is quite a bit younger than me, had her first child. I went absolutely nuts. I fell in love... it opened up the whole world of children to me.

"Recently, I broke off the relationship I was in. My feelings had become so strong that I consulted a fertility specialist to see if I could freeze some of my eggs for the future.

"The bomb really dropped for me when the specialist told me that eggs from a woman my age had likely deteriorated too much, and wouldn't be able to withstand freezing. He said that what I was hoping for was science fiction."

'You are always trying to resolve the issue, but it never really gets resolved – you just learn to live with it in an easier way. The truth is, if you want a kid you never lose that feeling'

Despite her yearnings, Ellie, like Orli, has considered and rejected the idea of single parenthood.

"I think ideally a child should have two parents at the start, not begin on the wrong footing. And financially, I couldn't handle it.

"Recently, on Channel 8, I saw a woman who had a child from a sperm donor, and I thought: What a ghastly thing to do to a child. What must it be like for someone to say "I come from a sperm donor"?

"It must be terrible emotionally and psychologically. I've thought of adoption – but for me, part of the desire to have a child is a biological thing. To have someone who resembles me is a factor, I can't deny it.

"I would really have loved a daughter. I think I would be a great parent," Ellie sighs. "Sometimes I wonder if I'll regret not having the guts to go it alone. But then I feel there's a good chance I would suffer, and then the child's quality of life would suffer."

All three women feel that their personal feelings about their circumstances have been intensified by the society around them.

"There is so much social pressure in this country," says Orli. "In Israel, not having a child is a major catastrophe.

"When I got divorced, people said, 'You should have had children, you wouldn't have gotten divorced, you would have been held together by the children.'

"If you ask me," Orli says, "this child-orientation can be a little sick. There is this belief in our culture that all normal people have children – I think there needs to be more understanding that there are people who don't have children for various reasons, and are still perfectly normal."

While Prof. Eliezer Jaffe of Hebrew University's School of Social Work agrees that a society should not push people into parenthood, he expressed concern that a support group for those who have "given up" on children might push people who are still undecided into living totally childless lives.

"This is such an individual and personal decision," he says. "No one should be preaching in any direction. It is important for people who have the desire to parent to know that they have options, that nobody has to remain without children in their family.

"One option is the area of foster care. One can be very, very important in the life of a child doing this. It is a way to try parenthood out; and single people can foster children. Many of these situations turn into adoptions," Jaffe notes.

In any case, he goes on, childless people can adopt. "Today intercountry adoptions are becoming more open and more reasonable.

"What I would be unhappy about in such a group is people telling others how to lead their lives. They shouldn't be brainwashed; they should go with their feelings.

"If they go with the view that it's best not to pursue any form of parenthood, fine – but they must know that it's not the only view. They must look within themselves for the answer.

"If such a group supports them in whatever they decide, that's wonderful."

Professor Joseph Itzkovitz, chairman of the obstetrics department and the IVF unit at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, calls support groups valuable and admits he is "uncomfortable" with the fact that support and psychological services have lagged behind the racing fertility technology.

However, he believes more in the effectiveness of individual counseling than support groups.

Celia's group strikes him as "kind of depressing and desperate," and he is not certain he would refer patients who have reached the end of the line in infertility treatment, and are not interested in adoption, to a group like hers.

But Celia says she knows from experience how much such a group can help during a process that never truly ends.

"You are always trying to resolve the issue, but it never really gets resolved; you just learn to live with it in an easier way.

"The truth is, if you want a kid you never lose that feeling.

"I'm better than I used to be, but it's a long process, which is why I am forming this group here – both to help others and for myself.

"Before joining such a group, I used to walk around in tears. I don't anymore."

Those who wish to contact the support group should call Nira or Sabina, social workers at the Jerusalem municipality in charge of organizing these groups, at 02-537-3675 or 02-537-3906. Confidentiality is assured. If there is sufficient interest groups will be formed in other parts of the country, in both Hebrew and English.

Share your feelings



A lesson in teacher-child communication: 'When we describe what we feel, we make it possible for children to begin to hear us.' (Sarit Uziely)



By Ruth Mason

This week's column continues an exploration of the ideas advocated by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, authors of the best-selling *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk.*

So let's talk about teacher-child communication.

Teachers should express their own feelings as well as acknowledging those of their students, Faber and Mazlish say.

"When we describe what we feel, we accomplish several important objectives. We afford ourselves the relief of being genuine. We model a way to be angry without being hurtful. We make it possible for our students to begin to hear us."

So instead of telling fifth-grader Boaz, "You are so rude – you *always interrupt!*" his teacher might say, "It frustrates me when I start to say something and can't finish."

No one is blamed, no one is accused of wrongdoing, and everyone's self-esteem is preserved.

Unfortunately, impatient and under pressure, teachers – like parents – tend to command a child to do something; and as we all know, children love to resist commands.

A better way to encourage cooperation, say Faber and Mazlish, is simply to describe the problem.

Instead of saying, "You're doing a terrible job taking care of our pet! You forgot to give that poor hamster water. Do it now!" a teacher could merely point out that the hamster is sucking on an empty water bottle.

The student in charge of the pet will probably do the job either way, but the first statement will make her feel bad about herself, and hateful and angry toward her teacher.

The second describes the situation in a neutral manner, allowing the student to solve the problem on her own.

Similarly, instead of scolding a pupil for inappropriate behavior, a teacher can explain the consequences of his actions briefly to him.

A teacher who began implementing these ideas shared her success in a letter to Faber and Mazlish:

"Instead of accusing David of always leaving the jar of paste open after using it, I said, 'David, paste gets dry and hard when it isn't covered.'"

The teacher did this throughout the day with various pupils, and found that, instead of the usual sullen response, she got a non-defensive "Oh," or "Okay."

TEACHERS, like parents, get much further when they focus on a child's achievements rather than on his or her failings or problems.

"It requires a deliberate inner decision on our part to reflect to our students what is 'right' about them now, in their less-than-perfect state," Faber and Mazlish write. "Yet when we do, we often see a youngster bloom before our very eyes."

So instead of criticizing seventh-grader Lisa for her poor handwriting, a teacher might say, "Lisa, *this* 't' right here is a pleasure to look at. It's almost tall enough, and you remembered to cross it at the top."

This kind of approach, Faber and Mazlish maintain, "often leads to all the 't's being lengthened and crossed."

Another energy-saving tactic Faber and Mazlish advocate involves the written word itself.

When repeated admonitions to "Wait until I call on you," failed to have their desired effect on a pupil, his teacher dropped a folded note on his desk with the words "When you want to show/You understand/Don't call out/Just raise your hand."

For the rest of the period, Faber and Mazlish write, the child was a model of cooperation.

Recommended reading:
Teacher and Child – a Book for Parents and Teachers by Dr. Haim G. Ginott (Avon Books, 1972)

Gardener's Corner



Lush, green welcome mat under one's feet

By Batsheva Mink and David Brauner

Lush grass can instantly transform any garden area, large or small, into a natural welcome mat, and nothing else feels so good under the feet. A deep-piled, dark green lawn will make your garden the envy of the neighborhood.

Lawns are truly amazing in their resilience. Not many plants can suffer frequent removal of their top growth by the feet of animals, people and lawn mowers, and still survive, and Israeli lawns take a real beating during the summer. First there is the relentless sun. Then, if you have children who play outside, the grass is sure to be worn down, and keeping even a small patch of grass in good shape takes time and money.

Many inexperienced gardeners consider a lawn to be low-cost and low-maintenance. The initial outlay is indeed modest, especially if the lawn is grown from seed, and the assumption is that the lawn will take care of itself once established.

But the truth of the matter is that more time and energy can be spent on maintaining a lawn than the entire rest of the garden. Soil compaction is usually the number one reason for lack of luster, patchiness and other problems connected with lawns.

Few lawn owners understand the hazards of soil compaction. The problem starts when the top 10 centimeters of the soil become compressed. Air, water and food are literally squeezed out of the earth. After a while the stress that grass roots encounter makes the grass less able to compete with weeds. The top growth is also slow to mend from injury.

Compaction can result from trampling or wasteful and uneven watering. If the soil is naturally compact and heavy (clay-like), water will be unable to drain away. Small puddles appear after rain or watering, and the grass roots eventually start to rot. As a result, the blades of grass cease growing, and patches of brown start to appear in parts of the lawn.

Even new lawns will suffer if the soil underneath has been compacted. In the case of newly-built homes, the soil has become hardened from the construction vehicles or heavy equipment. The soil beneath the surface is "panned down" and so made hard and crusty. But sometimes brown patches in a new lawn are just a sign that the grass is taking time to settle down.

As one can imagine, compaction is also a particular problem for turf on sports fields. Such confined areas are technically known as high traffic zones, and become so trodden down that parts of the lawn start to turn yellow and die off.

Lawn grasses are usually trouble-free but, as with other garden plants, the better the health and vigor of the grass, the less likely it is to succumb to attacks of pests and diseases.

Regular aerating, top-dressing and fertilizing, and correct mowing technique (see below) all help lawn grass withstand attack. However, attacks of fungus and mole-crickets (in Hebrew *kelev mayim* or *artsav*) can only be fought off with a specially formulated fungicide or the appropriate insecticide, respectively.

If you notice small mounds of soil, ten centimeters or more in diameter, these are probably a sign of moles, who live almost entirely underground in tunnels from 4-20cm. deep. A mole can excavate an amazing 10kg. of earth in 20 minutes. Moles devour many harmful pests that feed on grass roots, but unfortunately damage lawns with their burrowing.

Instead of reverting to poisonous chemicals to destroy moles, we suggest you deter them. Moles detest strong smells, so try putting a few moth balls or wood soaked in creosote into their tunnels. A bad herring or other fish that has gone foul also works, if not the first time, then after two or three tries. The moles will not return.

Maintenance is the same for all grass types. Repairing a lawn is possible with proper care. Better still is the prevention of lawn deterioration. We calculate that for proper maintenance, a lawn needs spiking and raking at least once a year, but if possible, twice is better. Fertilizer needs to be applied twice a year, together with applications of weed killer. To keep your lawn looking its best, you should mow it once or twice a week, depending on the weather.

Here are a few general guidelines for maintaining and improving your lawn:

Raking

Raking the lawn is usually done in the spring and autumn. If done thoroughly, it can do a great deal to improve the grass. Raking not only removes "thatch" or dead grass, but also leaves and any decayed vegetation which may be lying on the surface of the soil.

Rotted vegetation provides a comfortable home for pests and their future generations as well as contributing to the spread of fungal diseases. Using a grass rake gives best results. It is a kind of springy rake with tines shaped rather like a fan. Rake well in one direction and then mow the lawn, then repeat raking and mowing again in the other direction. When you are finished mowing rake away the cuttings, if your lawn mower does not catch them.

Spiking

Spiking loosens the top soil and brings air to the grass roots. The usual method of spiking turf is done by making holes 10-12 cm. deep. Simply use an ordinary garden fork, pushing it straight into the lawn at intervals of about 12cm. Spiking gives best results in the autumn before the rains set in. If repeated in spring, it helps the lawn get off to a good start for the summer. The heavier and more compact the soil, the more spiking it may need.

Top dressing

Top dressing helps build up the grass root system, and consists of a mixture of soil, sand, peat moss and compost. Spread the dressing over the lawn after spiking and raking. Afterwards add lawn fertilizer.

Fertilizer

Many people are reluctant to fertilize their lawns, because they fear that feeding grass will simply make it grow faster which, in turn, means more mowing. But in fact feeding a lawn makes it grow stronger and healthier. As well as enhancing overall color, texture and evenness, lawn fertilizer thickens up the turf and so discourages weeds from gaining a foothold. Strong root growth also insures that the lawn will stay greener for longer in a hot dry summer. Fertilize a lawn at least once if not twice a year.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: morrir@mail.biu.ac.il (writing "for David" in the subject line)

TIP OF THE WEEK

To prevent wear and tear to your lawn in specific areas, move the kids' swing or the clothes line to different spots, if possible. This will allow the grass to recover where it is most worn.



(Right) Lawn order, dark green and healthy; (below) a new lawn suffering from compacted soil hardened by heavy building equipment.

(Siân Udaly)

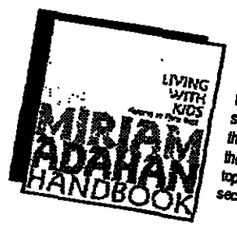


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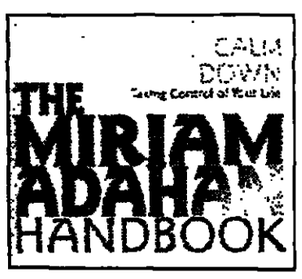
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Dangerous dogs and odious owners

By D'vora Ben Shaul

Everyone knows that the law requires dogs to be kept confined or on leash, but many people ignore the law, with occasionally unpleasant results.

A reader in the north writes: "Our neighbors have a large dog, part rottweiler, part German shepherd, very aggressive and frightening. Even though they have a fenced yard that can keep the dog in, they let it out late at night or very early in the morning, claiming that the dog 'needs the exercise.'

"Fortunately there are not many adults and no children on the street at the time the dog is running free, so it doesn't get a chance to harass too many people.

"Unfortunately, however, the dog hates cats and has killed several neighborhood pets – some right in their own yards, and even one on its own porch.

"We have tried to talk to the owners, to no avail. We also have a dog, but we never let it out off leash.

"Why do some people believe they can do just as they please? Is there anything we can do about this situation?"



Out on a leash, as the law demands: But official laxity about free-running dogs makes owners think they can get away with it.

THIS is a matter for the veterinarian of your municipality, or your local council.

You have every right to complain and insist that this dog be kept off the streets when not on leash. If the owner persists in letting the dog out regardless, you should report the matter to the Government Veterinary Service in Beit Dagan.

No matter what the hour, dogs are not permitted to run about the streets. If they need exercise, it is their owners' responsibility to find a legal way to give it to them.

Apart from its generally antisocial nature and hatred of cats, this dog presents a danger. When dogs are allowed to run free, they most often get together with other unattended dogs and form packs. And time and again dog packs have attacked people.

The best answer I can give you to why dog owners behave with such indifference to the law is that, in general, the authorities are somewhat lax, and the owners think they can get away with it.

Usually, unless there is a big rabies scare, most municipalities' and townships' veterinary services simply ignore the problem of these menacing dogs; and since no one complains, the offenders carry on doing as they please.

In addition, an awful lot of people are of the mistaken opinion that they have an absolute right to keep a dog. This is not so.

Just as you are permitted to drive a vehicle provided you have a license and comply with the rules, so are you only permitted to keep a dog if you have a license and comply with the relevant rules. Neither of these is a right but rather a privilege.

Unfortunately, while driving laws are, in general, enforced, the laws pertaining to keeping dogs are not. Therein lies the real heart of the problem.

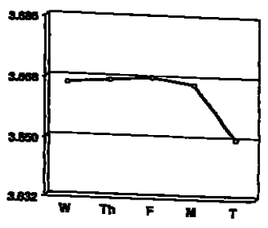
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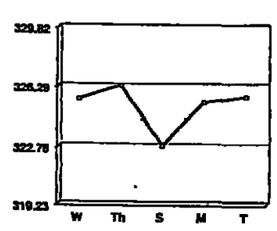
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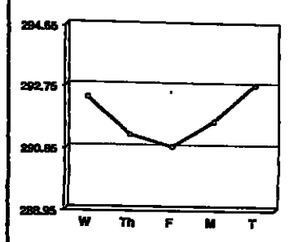
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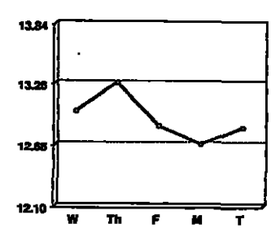
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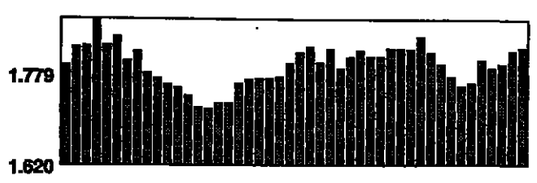
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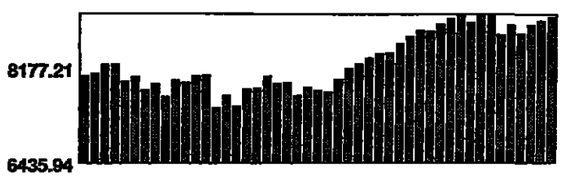


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Four arrested for using inside information

The police and the Securities Authority has arrested four people suspected of using inside information at the public offering of Baumel-Moshe Civil-Engineering Company four years ago.

The suspects include Yisrael Afrimi, former CEO of Discount Investments and Capital Markets, Yossi Teicher, former CEO of Y.L.R Capital Markets, and brokers Meir Dalal and Meir Hadar.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Evergreen, Clal raise $21 for Harvest Fund

Evergreen Canada Israel Investments and Clal Industries yesterday announced that they succeeded in raising $21 million for their Harvest Fund. The companies said that the fund will be Israel's first secondary market for venture capital funds.

The fund will invest in units of existing venture capital funds, providing an exit for investors seeking liquidity.

Evergreen said it has established a database to monitor the activity in the venture capital fund industry for potential sellers.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Discount invests $5m. in Seeder Fund

Discount Israel Capital Markets and Investments yesterday said it has invested $5 million in Seeder, an international venture capital fund.

The major institutional investors in the fund, which raised $50m., include Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Gilde Strategic Situations Fund, a subsidiary of the Dutch Rabobank, and Assur a subsidiary of French insurance company Axa Investment Managers.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Number of hotel stays on Pessah eve increases

The number of people staying in Israeli hotels on Seder night rose this year by 15% in comparison to last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The figures showed some 62,000 people stayed in hotels, of whom 28,500 were foreign tourists.

The average occupancy on Pessah eve rose to 73%, from 71% in 1997. The highest occupancy was recorded in hotels in Netanya (91%), Eilat and the Dead Sea (77%) and Haifa (75%). Occupancy in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was relatively low, 64% and 66%, respectively.

Dan Gerstenfeld

MK Landau calls for NIS 2b. annual defense budget increase

By DAVID HARRIS

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) will next week introduce a bill to force the Treasury to increase the defense budget by an annual NIS 2 billion, he told party colleagues yesterday.

If approved, the Defense Ministry's budget would be raised to NIS 36b. next year and a further NIS 2b. annually until 2003.

Speaking at a meeting of Likud MKs, Landau said that defense vehicles are falling to pieces, and there is no real investment in military research and development.

"We'll pay the price if there's a war," he warned, but added "I don't say we are in a situation similar to that just before the Yom Kippur War."

Landau asked his Likud colleagues to support his bill in order to prevent him from turning to other political parties for backing.

The Finance Ministry has consistently rejected Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's demands for additional funding and his pleas not to implement cutbacks.

The Treasury maintains that the annual defense spending package could be further slashed. The IDF should sell many of its prime assets, according to the Finance Ministry, including its property at Sde Dov Airport on the north Tel Aviv coastline – one of the country's most expensive pieces of real estate.

Landau admitted that savings can be made, but the nation's defense is of paramount importance, and while other budgets are increased on a yearly basis the military budget is lagging well behind, he said.

"I'll do everything to ensure the social lobby isn't the only one making demands," he said.

While Mordechai, who attended the meeting, did not directly refer to Landau's bill, he said any attempt to increase his ministry's budget would be most welcome.

"Even if there's a complete peace [with our neighbors], when we made peace with Egypt there were no missiles from Iraq, soon there'll be missiles from Iran and other weapons and we must have an answer," said Mordechai.

The Treasury this month began its internal deliberations on the 1999 state budget, where, once again, it will be looking to make substantial cuts in order to meet its multi-year target of cutting the budget deficit to 1.5 percent of the gross domestic product by 2001.

The target for the present year is 2.4% of GDP.



Russia's lifeline

Russian dealers trade at Moscow's International Exchange yesterday, after international lenders threw Russia a lifeline of $22.6 billion to help the government overcome severe financial problems. (Reuters)

Health-fee vote delayed to today

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday failed to approve Treasury proposals for increasing medical charges to patients.

Originally introduced and rejected in April, the measures call for additional payments for seeing specialists and visiting hospital outpatient departments.

There would also be a NIS 20 fee for each visit to a physician other than one's own general practitioner. Prescription charges would also be raised 30 percent, according to the package.

Labor MKs succeeded in postponing yesterday's vote by 24 hours in order to hold internal party talks.

Last night MKs who sit on the committee were suggesting that payments for individual visits to doctors and hospitals would be approved, but a bid to impose a general monthly or every-three-month levy would be rejected.

Both Gesher and Shas were also considering their positions last night.

As strike hobbles output

GM 2nd quarter net down 73%

By BRAIN LYSAGHT

General Motors Corp.'s second-quarter net income fell 73 percent, a smaller drop than some analysts expected, as two Michigan strikes in their sixth week hobbled production for the world's largest automaker.

GM said net income fell to $433 million, or 59 cents a diluted share, from $1.58 billion, or $2.14, a year earlier, adjusted to reflect the spinoff of its Hughes defense unit and a charge.

Its shares rose 1 11/16 to 70 9/16 in midmorning trading as sales and profit margins exceeded expectations that were reduced because of the strike, Morgan Stanley analyst Stephen Girsky said.

"Sales and margins were slightly better than expected," said Girsky, who expected GM to report 45 cents a share.

The company was expected to make 53 cents a share, according to the average estimate of analysts surveyed by First Call Corp., down from an expected $2.27 before the strike began.

GM has said the two strikes, the first of which began June 5, canceled production of 225,000 cars and trucks, and cut earnings by $1.79 a share, or $1.18b.

Revenue fell to $33.46b. from $37.88b. Gross profit margin in the quarter fell to 14.7% from 17%.

The automaker's cash fell to $9.1b. from $13.6b. at the end of the first quarter, mostly because of spending required by the strike. That was the high end of analysts' expectations.

"Compared to Ford, Toyota and Chrysler, they're now in a pretty weak cash position," said Merrill Lynch & Co. analyst Nicholas Lobaccaro.

Chrysler, the world's fifth-biggest carmaker, said Monday its automobile business had a record $9.2b. in cash, up from $7b. in the year-earlier period.

The company is "continuing to examine all opportunities to reduce cash consumption" and reviewing future spending for marginal products, GM Chairman and Chief Executive John Smith, Jr. said in a statement. The strike-damaged results don't reflect "the positive momentum our financial performance had been building."

Before the strikes, GM offered price discounts of as much as $2,000 per vehicle in North America in an effort to shore up its sliding US market share, currently about 31%, and to match its rivals.

With North America reeling from the strike, the automaker got little help from elsewhere. Earnings outside North America fell by more than half to $181m. from $385m. because of price competition in Europe and economic declines in Asia and Latin America. (Bloomberg)

Likud MKs: Tax reform likely to fail

By DAVID HARRIS

A tax reform is badly needed, but the proposed abolition of many exemptions will in all probability not be approved in the Knesset, Likud MKs told Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday.

"The chances of passing this are very small," said newly-appointed Science Minister Silvan Shalom.

The much-heralded changes to the tax system will be introduced to the Knesset in the coming weeks, in all probability during the summer recess, according to the Treasury.

At that point the proposals, which will take the form of a bill, will have to be approved by both the Knesset plenum and the finance committee. Shalom warned that the abolition of tax exemptions will prove highly unpopular.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon fired a warning shot when he advised Neeman not to cut the exemptions to development opment-town map," he said.

Neeman dismissed media reports on the probable content of the reform as mere speculation, denying there have been any leaks from the Treasury, and said he was amazed the MKs were criticizing the package when he had still not completed it.

Neeman was not prepared to reveal any specifics of the plan yesterday but said those that currently do not earn enough to pay basic income tax will find their situation improved under the scheme.

Once again he refused to say whether there will be any form of tax on profits from the capital markets, but he did hint that "the system must include encouragement for long-term savings, especially for those in the poor and middle classes."

The four key elements of the reform are reducing the upper tax brackets, abolishing some exemptions to fund the reform, requiring all Israelis to file an annual tax report and improving enforcement of payment. Neeman hopes the



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The Israel Lands Administration announces:

Suspension of Annual Lease Payments for Houses for 1998-99

The Minister of National Infrastructure, the Chair of the Israel Lands Committee, has ordered the suspension of annual lease payments to the Israel Lands Administration for houses for 1998-99.

At its meeting on May 4, 1998, the Israel Lands Committee decided (decision no. 828) to increase the annual lease payments for houses by 20% in real terms over last year's payments, **so long as the lease payments for 1998 are not less than 0.28% of the value of the land.** Following this decision, lease payments for 1998 have been raised significantly **for some leasers.**

The Minister of National Infrastructure has decided to suspend the payment of annual lease payments for houses to the Israel Lands Administration for 1998-99 **for the time being**, until the issue can again be discussed by the Israel Lands Committee, so that a fair solution can be reached and new procedures issued.

Building Blocks

By Nina Gilbert

COMMERCIAL

■ Partner Communications, which is to launch the country's third cellular network in October, has signed a 20-year lease to rent 10,000 sq.m. of office space in Rosh Ha'ayin from Industrial Buildings, the country's largest real estate company. Partner is to pay $11.5 per sq.m. a month for the space, where it will locate its management and central area switchboard.

Partner is expected to occupy the premises in a few months. The building, in the Afek industrial park, is part of a five-building complex known as Kiryat Hoshen. It is being constructed by Industrial Buildings. Other tenants in the complex are the Barak long-distance company, Bynetcom, Cellcom and high-tech companies. Under the deal, Partner also received an option to rent, under the same terms, another 10,000 sq.m. in a building, which is to be constructed adjacent to its offices.

■ Meanwhile, Blue Square-Israel, the country's largest retailer, is also moving its management offices to a building it is constructing in the Afek park. The company has issued a tender for the sale of its current premises in Givatayim on Rehov Tiltzot Yisrael, which it has occupied for the past 15 years. The old building, one of the largest office complexes in the city, has some 2,700 sq.m. on three floors, while the new premises has a total of 6,000 sq.m. on two floors. The company said the move, to take place in November, is a result of the expansion of the company, which has doubled its retail space over the past five years.

■ Derech Eretz, the consortium that is to construct the Trans-Israel Highway, has rented 565 sq.m. from the Frahman Group at the 17-story Beit Gibor building in Tel Aviv. The group, which paid $15.5 per sq.m. for the space, will house its management and workers at the premises. The building, near Rehov Yarkon and the Textile House, is also occupied by Delek, Koren Maksefet and insurance firms.

■ Kal-Gav, the producer of bags and backpacks, recently purchased a building in the Kanot Industrial Zone, near Gadera, for $400,000 from Penthouse. The building will house the company's production activities, previously located in Rehovot, as well as its management and all other workers. The building covers a 800 sq.m. area.

■ In Dizengoff Center, an 80-sq.m. store with a 30-sq.m. gallery was rented for $3,750 via Century 21 for nine years by a French businessman, Marc Azoulai, who has clothing store chain in France. Under the deal, the price is to rise by $500 in the second and third years, and afterward is to be linked to the consumer price index.

The store is in a prime location, with a street exit, and is near Hamishbir Lezarkam. The property, owned by a Los Angeles businessman, was rented for the past two years for $7,200 a month to Quiet Silver, a surfing equipment importer. The agency attributed the sharp drop in the rental price to the general state of commerce on Dizengoff Street and in particular in the shopping center.

■ In the Gav-Yam Center, a complex under construction in the Herzliya Pituah industrial area, the commercial space in the first building, on Rehov Shenkar, has been rented. A year ago, 3-Com and DSP established their offices in the building. A cafe and gourmet food center, Arcaffe, has rented 750 sq.m. for $25 per sq.m in a five-year lease, with an option for another five years. The center will include a bakery, coffee grinding and an espresso bar.

■ Artan, a high-standard furniture design and production company, rented 270 sq.m. for its showroom due to open next month. Gav-Yam, owned by Discount Investments, is constructing six buildings in the center in the southern part of the industrial area. The second building is near completion.

■ Industrial Buildings has also recently rented some 400 sq.m. of space in the Tenufa Industrial park in the south, near Dimona, to Bolivar Technologies, which deals with research, development and production of polymers. The space, rented for $2.6 per sq.m. a month for three years, is in a 5,000-sq.m. two-story building constructed by the real-estate company at the park. The average rent for the space is $3 per square meter. Most of the tenants in the building are high-tech companies.

■ Koor Investments has rented 1,900 sq.m. to Oramir Semiconductor Equipments in their new Tavor building in the Sha'ar Yokne'am industrial park. The 18,000-sq.m structure is designated for high-tech industries and is being rented for $8 per sq.m. a month. Oramir is a high-tech company dealing with photoresist stripping using a laser process.

Internet stocks: To buy or not to buy

By JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Internet stocks went bonkers last week, some of them bouncing up and down as much as 26 percent in a single day. When the dust settled, the market had judged that Amazon.com, Inc., the on-line bookseller, was worth roughly as much as the two largest US book retailers, Barnes & Noble, Inc., and Borders Group, Inc., combined, and Yahoo Inc., the popular search engine (or Web directory), was worth more than the New York Times Co.

How much are these Internet companies really worth? No one knows because in their short life spans they have generated little or no earnings.

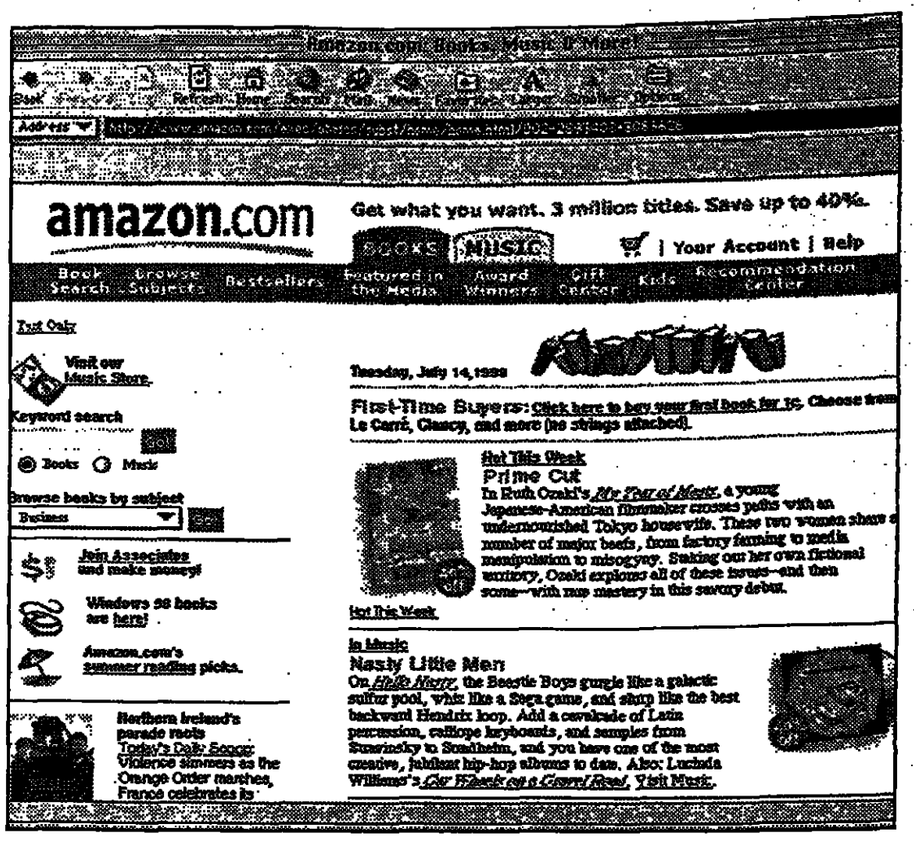
Share prices are built on earnings, since the theory behind owning stocks is that they produce a flow of cash that goes to shareholders – either immediately as dividends or eventually as capital appreciation as profits are reinvested in the company. Without profits, it's hard to set a price.

At this year's annual meeting of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., chairman Warren Buffett, America's most successful investor, was asked about teaching business students. "For the final exam," he said, "I would take an Internet company and say, 'How much is this worth?' And anybody that gave me an answer, I would flunk."

Lycos, Inc., which started the fun last week by jumping from $79.06 to $99.56, has never made a profit. Last year, the company, which operates the Internet's fourth most popular search engine, lost $9 million on total sales of $22m. The apparent reason for the miraculous rise of its stock price was that that the company announced a stock split – an accounting and marketing maneuver that adds not a cent of value to a firm. (Lycos, like other Internet stocks, also benefited from the decision of General Electric Co. to invest in CNET, Inc., a company that provides TV images for the Net.) Investors quickly had second thoughts about Lycos and knocked the stock down to $77.50 by Wednesday, but it rallied the next day and is still up more than 97 percent for the year. As recently as Aug. 2, 1996, you could have bought a share of Lycos for $6.13.

Meanwhile, Excite, Inc., the No. 2 Web directory, rose 10% on Monday, also on word of a split. Amazon.com, Inc., the on-line bookseller, was up 13% the same day, while Doubleclick, Inc., which distributes Internet advertising, soared an incredible 72% in the week that ended July 2.

By Friday, Doubleclick, which lost $9m. on sales of $30m. in 1997, had plummeted from $75.31 to $49.75.



For approximately the same price, you could buy all of Amazon, or all of Barnes & Noble *plus* Borders. Meanwhile, total sales last year for Amazon were $148m., with losses of $28m. and total combined sales for the two other companies were $4.1b., with after-tax profits of $145m.

Internet stocks turned up again after an announcement after trading hours on Wednesday that Yahoo had actually made a profit of $8m. for the second quarter – as long as you don't count a one-time charge of $44m. related to an acquisition. Yahoo, too, said it would split. Shares immediately soared $16 to $202, though it ended the week at $181.25.

Profits are certainly nice to have, but let's put Yahoo's into perspective. For the year, analysts, on average, expect the company to earn about $23m., according to Nelson Information, Inc. That sounds good compared with profitless Lycos or Amazon. But, if that estimate becomes reality, then the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio for Yahoo is 445, compared with a P/E of 28 for the Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index.

Let's compare Yahoo – whose market cap exceeded $9 billion last week – to some more venerable media companies.

The New York Times Co., for example, has a market cap of $7.6b., yet it owns the third-highest circulation daily in the country, plus the *Boston Globe*, magazines like *Golf Digest*, eight television stations, two radio stations, an extensive on-line service and more. Sales last year were $2.9b., and after-tax earnings were $262m. – or more than 10 times

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the projected (though far-from-realized) earnings of Yahoo.

The market cap of Dow Jones & Co., Inc., parent of the *Wall Street Journal*, is only $4.4b. The Washington Post Co., which also owns *Newsweek*, six network TV stations and a good deal more, had profits last year of $281m. but a market cap of only $4.9b. Would you trade Yahoo for Dow Jones plus the Post? Well, that's the way the market is valuing the three companies.

As for Amazon, its market cap on July 9 was $5.6b.. The market cap of Barnes & Noble, the largest bookseller, was $3b., and the market cap of Borders, the most profitable bookseller, was also $3b. So, for approximately the same price, you could buy all of Amazon or all of Barnes & Noble *plus* Borders.

Total sales last year for Amazon were $148m., with losses of $28m. Total combined sales for the two other companies were $4.1b., with after-tax profits of $145m. And, by the way, if you purchase Amazon, you get zero stores. Buy Barnes & Noble and Borders, and you get 2,147 stores, including Waldenbooks, B. Dalton, Doubleday, and so on.

NOW, I will be the first to admit that the Internet has a fabulous future – and that Amazon is a truly magnificent company (I just bought two books from its site today) whose sales will grow far faster than those of conventional retailers.

Also, in an Internet world, all of those bookstores that Barnes & Noble and Borders own could end up being liabilities, not assets, as more and more people buy books (and everything else) electronically. But is one Amazon really the equivalent of virtually all the major book retailers in this country combined? The question is not whether Amazon has a great idea or if it will sell lots of books, but whether it can become profitable enough in a few years to justify an investment today.

By any reasonable standard, it is overpriced. Or is it? Buying shares in a popular Internet company is simply taking a guess or laying a bet. Sales will continue to boom, the investor is saying, and I think that these companies will eventually make profits.

Or, more ominously, the investor could be saying: I don't know or care if the company makes profits, but I will probably be able to unload my shares on a "greater fool" sometime in the near future.

Still, ridiculing Internet stocks could be a big mistake. I am willing to believe that a huge chunk of our commerce in another five or 10 years will be conducted over the Web, and companies like Lycos, Amazon and Yahoo have staked important claims. Whether others – including the New York Times or Borders – will surpass them on the Internet is an open question.

It is also wise to hesitate before ridiculing the prices that the market assigns to any stock – which is simply another way of saying that we shouldn't consider ourselves smarter than the combined wisdom of thousands, or millions, of buyers and sellers.

Still, market mistakes abound. Look, for instance, at Netscape Communications Corp., the hottest Internet stock of another era. The maker of browser software went public in August 1995 at $28 a share and soared to $85.50 by December. It traded Friday at just under $37.

In the end, I would concede that the current Internet darlings could be decent buys, but I would not be enthusiastic about owning them. Everyone talks about finding another Microsoft Corp., but investors seem to forget that 10 years ago, when Microsoft was trading at one one-hundredth of its current price, it was generating $124m. in earnings on $591m. in sales. Even Yahoo looks pathetic next to those numbers.

The lesson is not to rush. If history is a guide, you'll still have time to assess the scene and decide who is likely to win and lose as the Internet revolution – which is definitely for real – transforms the world's economy.

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Mutual Funds

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
FLEXIBLE					
Abir	228.62	227.94	- 1.24	+3.49	19.5
Adar Flexible	106.97	105.63	- 1.49	+5.07	27.7
Afikim Flexible	206.33	203.68	- 1.60	-1.22	19.8
Ahrayut Flexible	520.91	511.98	- 2.68	+2.02	2.8
Alomot Flexible	109.05	107.19	- 0.81	—	12.2
Analyst Deversified	770.94	753.05	- 2.35	+4.07	68.3
Apex Flexible	186.93	185.39	- 1.34	+ 19.46	39.4
Arzimedes	106.02	104.03	- 2.80	+ 10.89	0.9
Avuka	1996.56	1990.38	- 1.14	+4.70	5.7
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	234.79	230.05	- 2.50	+ 11.31	36.4
Clali Flexible	1168.44	1164.68	- 1.52	+1.76	4.9
Dikla Mamon	279.81	277.72	- 2.62	+5.34	27.0
Dikla Mativ	191.31	190.61	- 2.32	+6.98	12.0
Dikla Meked	3508.29	3492.33	- 1.56	+4.31	76.4
Dovrat Shrem Flexible	170.22	168.68	- 1.83	-6.55	34.6
Emda Idit	4150.53	4106.35	- 2.58	+3.91	33.3
Epsilon Flexible	171.89	171.05	- 1.85	+ 10.07	12.8
Evergreen Flexible	122.75	121.72	- 3.24	+0.09	9.5
Excellence Flexible	3210.45	3168.78	- 1.36	+9.57	8.4
Igud Bonds	102.58	102.10	- 0.88	-2.06	6.3
Igud Flexible	167.34	166.20	- 1.25	+3.42	21.1
Igud Shikli	140.49	140.49	+ 0.51	+7.68	332.3
Ilanot 30 Plus	153.51	152.71	- 2.26	-0.22	3.7
Ilanot 90	263.92	262.49	- 2.58	+4.84	26.9
Ilanot Tidhar	3423.13	3414.48	- 1.91	+5.65	78.3
Kivun Flexible	123.43	122.25	- 4.27	+1.15	8.0
Lahak Duhlist	781.36	767.51	- 1.80	+4.72	75.2
Lamashkia	—	—	—	—	5.9
Lapid	1663.45	1663.45	- 1.89	+3.66	6.1
Maoflim Bonds	103.86	102.88	+ 0.49	—	5.2
Maoflim Flexible	160.76	157.85	- 2.01	+ 14.85	14.5
Maritime Flexible Fund	102.66	100.72	- 3.00	+ 11.27	13.2
Meitav Flexible	168.70	166.83	- 1.49	+7.01	3.2
Models Flexible	113.79	111.48	- 1.21	+0.50	9.8
Models Tauza	101.35	99.24	- 1.02	+4.78	4.6
Moritz Money Market	141.21	141.21	+ 0.53	+7.09	18.4
Nessua Flexible	2709.42	2691.93	- 1.59	+4.75	11.3
Netz	120.42	119.58	- 6.99	-2.34	0.4
Noga	910.14	898.58	- 0.63	+5.37	45.8
Omer Pekan	203.72	200.03	- 1.73	-1.10	23.0
Otzar Flexible	104.84	103.05	- 2.71	+3.74	4.6
Pia Hayovel	241.82	240.50	+ 1.12	+ 20.21	39.3
Pia Kela	966.29	961.48	- 1.36	+8.93	318.8
Psagot Gamlah	609.65	598.85	- 3.42	+5.84	156.0
Psagot Megama	362.01	360.02	- 3.21	+7.89	88.7
Quantum	102.34	100.97	- 5.04	-0.44	0.2
Ramco Flexible	180.34	178.32	- 0.15	+5.90	6.6
Saar Flexible	232.79	229.82	- 2.39	+5.84	4.9
Saar Pekan	205.23	204.63	- 1.26	+6.68	205.7
Sigma Flexible	105.81	104.69	- 3.11	+4.86	9.6
Sivan	300.10	296.27	- 1.76	+ 13.85	83.6
Telescope	120.32	119.89	- 1.69	-4.81	2.0
Yaad Flexible	106.58	105.52	- 1.06	+5.76	5.3
Yesodot	3206.57	3151.77	- 1.19	+4.24	37.2
Zeller Flexible	90.26	89.24	- 1.27	-4.01	4.4
Zion Flexible	17032.23	16972.64	- 0.80	+ 20.34	13.8
SHARES					
Adif Pekan	121.94	119.81	- 2.49	+4.26	46.1
Afikim Shares	287.93	284.20	- 2.32	+2.45	17.0
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	132.29	129.72	- 5.80	- 15.83	1.6
Ahrayut Real Estate	225.33	220.86	- 1.99	+0.06	7.9
Ahrayut Shares	340.03	334.10	- 2.97	+1.61	4.0
Alomot Growth	99.07	98.87	—	—	0.0
Analyst Aggressive	160.63	156.90	- 2.55	+5.22	54.3
Analyst Equity	1281.49	1251.73	- 2.35	+7.73	156.2
Analyst Industries	395.19	386.01	- 2.53	+9.78	60.8
Apex Shares	119.32	118.87	- 2.12	+ 19.26	16.6
Atlas Pekan	—	—	—	—	34.5
Baron	224.19	223.48	- 3.04	+3.67	14.4
Bloch Rotstein Shares	121.13	118.77	- 2.27	+ 18.95	18.5
Capital Shares	98.96	97.70	- 2.08	+7.10	4.1
Chemical Pekan	121.91	119.76	- 3.43	+2.11	7.2
Clali Maof	258.95	258.20	- 2.08	+5.20	26.7
Clali Shares & Conv.	157.91	157.40	- 2.13	+6.14	2.5
Dikla Maagal	109.30	107.45	- 3.47	+3.96	14.6
Dikla Maofad Maof	221.28	220.10	- 2.07	+5.96	79.2
Dikla Meretz	566.19	561.35	- 2.04	+7.36	81.0
Dikla Mitton	117.38	116.48	- 5.84	-4.38	45.2
Dikla Mizrar Finance	134.94	133.91	- 3.57	+7.29	40.2
Dikla Mitud 30	74.26	73.71	- 2.82	+1.51	42.0
Dikla Mivneh	353.40	350.55	- 3.17	-1.76	27.4
Dikla Mondial	—	—	—	—	18.4
Dikla Mor	1628.25	1615.82	- 2.55	+3.69	96.9
Dovrat Shrem 100	110.85	108.56	- 3.42	-0.84	18.9
Dovrat Shrem Yeter	123.81	121.27	- 3.65	-2.70	14.3
Emda Export	89.13	88.22	- 3.29	+4.30	10.8
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	10.6
Emda Maof	230.54	228.75	- 2.05	+8.05	44.0
Emda Paz	193.11	191.09	- 2.94	+5.27	12.7
Emda Shalhevet	174.57	173.27	- 3.03	+8.04	16.0
Emda TA 100	2141.33	2118.40	- 2.30	+5.43	56.7
Emda Yeter	1653.82	1645.95	- 2.90	-0.37	24.7
Epsilon 36	117.78	117.33	- 1.82	+ 16.13	37.1
Epsilon Shares	202.64	201.88	- 2.36	+9.99	18.6
Epsilon Technologies	—	—	—	—	9.8
Erez Pekan	357.78	356.63	- 2.50	+8.15	168.2
Esh	619.29	607.70	- 1.21	+1.09	2.4
Evergreen High Tech	—	—	—	—	14.0
Evergreen Shares	163.81	162.43	- 3.59	+1.37	20.1
Excellence Agresiva	270.98	268.04	- 3.18	+ 12.47	9.9
Excellence Shares	675.30	671.77	- 1.99	+ 17.15	8.3
Eyal Shares	144.05	144.05	- 3.11	+7.00	7.5
Gal	123.39	121.80	- 2.94	+6.38	18.2
Hon Pekan	117.84	115.76	- 3.29	+4.04	70.6
Igud Maof	101.47	100.98	- 2.39	+6.27	11.0
Igud Shares	150.49	149.50	- 2.58	+1.96	11.0
Igud Yeter	109.20	108.57	- 1.74	+0.18	12.4
Ilanot Caramim	170.58	169.68	- 2.90	+2.38	91.6
Ilanot Communication	114.61	113.98	- 2.36	+5.51	68.5
Ilanot Dekel	3322.48	3305.21	- 2.61	+5.51	107.2
Ilanot Finance	101.46	100.92	- 3.89	+6.57	17.5
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	13.6
Ilanot Maof	218.68	217.62	- 2.13	+6.44	65.8
Ilanot Nadlan	1498.28	1490.35	- 2.01	—	33.5
Ilanot Nimrazit	86.00	85.59	- 4.01	-0.05	6.5
Ilanot Shares	5230.84	5202.96	- 2.34	+3.51	9.8
Ilanot Shchakim	59.74	59.42	- 2.78	+2.68	18.2
Ilanot Shesek	959.74	954.63	- 2.53	+4.65	125.7
Ilanot TA 100	2970.40	2954.86	- 1.97	+6.38	83.0
Israel America	—	—	—	—	1.2
Kohav Pekan	183.68	180.39	- 2.26	+8.64	114.9
Koor Money Market	135.81	135.81	+ 0.73	+9.32	447.2
Koor Shares	99.41	98.16	- 3.09	+5.72	10.0
Lahak Agresivit Plus	89.89	88.30	- 3.86	+0.89	23.2
Lahak Ankor	928.15	907.13	- 1.88	+6.92	39.2
Lahak Dividends	355.32	354.39	- 2.14	+ 15.21	86.3
Lahak Menayot 30	99.95	99.85	- 1.45	—	24.1
Lahak Menayot Yeter	118.77	117.83	- 4.04	+4.84	47.8
Lahak Nadlan	135.36	132.97	- 3.32	+3.17	33.7
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—	—	—	—	21.8
Lahak Tor 100	469.98	461.67	- 2.10	+7.57	87.8
Lahak Yetsu	80.35	80.09	- 2.59	+7.63	41.6
Lahak Zamir	883.23	880.48	- 2.04	+8.11	70.6
Masle Maof Pekan	197.59	194.11	- 2.15	+3.60	78.3
Magic	268.78	264.03	- 2.46	+1.21	9.1
Meitav High Tech	—	—	—	—	—
Meitav Options	50.07	49.29	- 2.83	+ 18.46	14.0
Meitav Shares	218.32	218.09	- 1.75	+5.74	5.8
Meitav Tauza	118.26	117.04	- 2.75	+6.75	5.9
Mercazit Caram Maniv	68.06	67.86	- 2.70	+2.26	2.8
Mercazit Maof	206.68	206.17	- 2.34	+5.03	2.4
Mercazit TA 100	273.47	272.64	- 2.20	+4.58	3.0
Meritngati Dynamic	111.11	110.96	- 0.64	+ 11.13	13.9
Necina Continental	59.57	58.49	- 3.05	+2.06	14.5
Nesua Shares	478.52	475.26	- 1.70	+6.08	8.3
Nili TA 100	1093.88	1089.94	- 2.59	+4.90	23.6
Omega	115.87	113.83	- 2.75	+5.80	1.7
Otzar Foreign Int. Par.	153.67	153.67	- 1.59	+8.39	2.3
Otzar Shares	118.01	115.98	- 3.00	+4.08	6.6
Otzar Yeter	85.56	84.08	- 2.62	-4.04	5.0
Pekan T-A 100	169.37	168.89	- 2.06	+4.82	65.8
Pia 2000	97.24	95.52	- 3.51	+4.52	24.2
Pia Bdolach T-A 100	1080.10	1060.98	- 2.60	+6.36	94.2
Pia Maniof	148.50	143.96	- 1.73	+ 11.25	47.4
Pia Maof	210.79	207.07	- 2.55	+5.76	103.9
Pia Michlol	857.00	842.07	- 1.89	+8.44	134.2
Pia Odem	1323.19	1315.95	- 2.42	+ 11.77	175.5
Pia Otamit	—	—	—	—	35.4
Pia Yahalom	1193.28	1172.10	- 0.75	+ 12.94	72.3
Pia Zinuk	69.13	67.91	- 2.67	+8.71	41.5
Pritza	—	—	—	—	0.6
Psagot 20	93.79	92.12	- 2.58	—	189.9
Psagot Al	89.47	86.89	- 5.91	+2.09	34.7
Psagot Focus	117.51	115.52	- 3.06	+6.74	104.3
Psagot High Tech	—	—	—	—	80.5
Psagot Mabat Lashalom	143.92	141.37	- 2.85	+ 10.83	43.4
Psagot Menayot	917.14	912.06	- 2.75	+9.23	183.0
Psagot T-A 100	411.38	409.06	- 3.25	+ 11.85	246.8
Psagot Yeter	199.06	195.52	- 3.78	+5.90	57.5
Raam 90	153.58	150.70	- 3.40	+2.66	6.4
Simodan Shares & Conv.	82.96	81.65	- 2.51	+0.58	0.6
Singer Barnea Financial	124.78	122.59	- 2.73	+9.27	0.7
Singer Barnea Shmura	154.39	153.94	- 2.68	+8.42	2.3
Tsuot Suta	161.18	160.35	- 1.38	+ 11.65	24.9
Yaar	48.10	45.85	- 5.35	-8.01	0.2
Zik	360.61	359.56	- 2.40	+2.13	3.7
Zion Shares	157.71	156.75	- 2.40	+5.31	3.9
Zion Yeter	95.44	95.08	- 1.38	+0.53	5.9
STATE BONDS					
Ahrayut State Bonds	458.09	450.44	+ 0.41	+3.19	4.5
Almog Pekan	281.01	276.03	+ 1.38	-3.33	107.7
Analyst Government Bonds	401.45	396.31	+ 0.24	+1.13	31.1
Clali Dotan	1255.05	1252.15	+ 0.45	+1.49	4.7
Clali State Bonds	486.65	485.54	+ 0.47	+1.60	8.2
Dikla Maromm	6467.31	6420.44	+ 0.20	+4.76	34.1
Dikla Mivtan	1767.86	1754.72	+ 0.34	+5.26	32.6
Ducas	255.60	254.11	+ 0.40	+3.69	14.0
Emda Government Bond	1088.36	1079.88	+ 0.11	-1.25	48.9
Emda Lesheim	1449.85	1435.65	+ 0.42	-0.93	27.4
Emda Sella	1427.84	1417.48	+ 0.10	+4.08	49.3
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	213.89	213.23	+ 0.30	+7.53	15.3
Geva	414.04	409.01	+ 0.21	+1.46	86.0
Hila Pekan	547.60	547.60	+ 0.06	+2.36	139.7
Ilanot Egoz	1181.61	1175.62	+ 0.10	+4.06	51.1
Ilanot Gov't Bonds	2495.01	2484.36	+ 0.57	+5.51	2.5
Ilanot Tapuah	678.57	675.38	+ 0.78	-1.34	30.2
Ilanot Tapuz	1098.06	1092.59	+ 0.27	+1.99	99.1
Lahak Elroni	548.36	538.73	+ 1.39	-3.04	33.4
Lahak Shahaf	152.34	149.69	+ 0.31	+4.24	53.1
Lahak Snunit	706.70	696.25	+ 0.32	+4.49	90.8
Maritime Government Bond	160.92	158.70	- 0.26	+5.77	12.2
Meitav Gov't Bonds	122.33	121.37	+ 0.51	+3.36	9.6
Mekorit Pekan	116.85	116.74	+ 0.89	-0.59	16.0
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	159.43	158.28	+ 0.24	+3.21	6.4
Nesua Gov't Bonds	1420.00	1413.23	+ 0.23	+6.71	37.8
Otzar Gov't Bonds	165.38	162.70	+ 0.70	+1.98	13.6
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	246.38	244.75	+ 1.54	—	22.8
Pia Tarshish	140.86	138.39	+ 0.90	+2.20	242.1
Pia Zamid	4812.51	4727.59	+ 0.47	+1.60	153.8
Psagot Agach	607.89	597.16	+ 0.17	+8.68	50.1
Psagot Maala	443.53	440.03	+ 0.49	+3.52	52.3
Psagot Madad	569.39	559.33	+ 0.99	+1.32	61.2
Shavit Pekan	720.61	707.86	- 0.42	+2.19	136.7
Sigma Gov't Bonds	137.78	136.08	+ 0.01	+1.36	1.1
Yasra Pekan	594.29	574.00	+ 1.22	-0.60	69.8
Yavul Pekan	747.06	744.84	+ 0.70	+1.01	148.2
Ziv	624.09	616.23	+ 0.40	+1.43	38.8
Zohar	519.91	513.43	+ 0.05	+2.19	37.5
COMPANY BONDS					
Afikim Bonds	321.19	317.18	- 0.21	-4.21	40.0
Ahrayut Bonds	194.95	191.61	+ 0.46	-1.44	5.2
Amirim	129.81	128.85	+ 0.24	-0.52	24.0
Analyst Corporate Bonds	287.69	282.60	- 0.60	+0.53	91.3
Analyst Money Market	182.13	181.99	+ 0.48	+6.83	15.9
Apex Tsua	146.67	146.22	- 0.21	+9.96	63.9
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	171.50	169.08	+ 0.52	+8.23	14.1
Bond	163.74	162.63	- 0.84	+0.66	10.1
Capital Bonds	158.01	156.86	+ 0.48	+6.13	11.2
Clali Company Debentures	207.09	206.50	+ 0.07	+0.90	2.9
Clali Gen' Bond Rating	102.70	102.40	+ 0.32	—	12.3
Clali Zmina	183.22	183.22	+ 0.81	+7.59	55.9
Dikla Mayan	988.37	988.37	+ 0.00	+4.59	52.2
Dikla Magen Plus	104.65	104.65	+ 0.43	—	377.6
Dikla Maskerot Plus	149.45	149.45	+ 0.50	+7.41	443.4
Dikla Maimad	486.94	482.30	+ 0.18	+6.85	22.1
Dikla Mirvah	612.48	607.97	- 0.60	-0.68	24.1
Dikla Mivhar	580.44	576.25	+ 0.47	+3.37	33.6
Dikla Nigvan	2075.10	2060.18	- 0.11	+3.78	93.1
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	169.26	166.69	- 0.16	+0.29	56.9
Emda Dynamit Magen	110.35	110.35	- 0.02	+5.37	55.6
Emda Kalamlah	164.46	162.97	- 0.08	+3.03	16.6
Emda Hamara	1116.80	1105.50	- 0.71	-1.97	47.8
Emda Shildt	104.47	104.47	+ 0.58	+7.20	768.7
Emda Zuk	331.78	330.13	- 0.12	-1.81	14.2
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	126.96	126.64	- 0.48	+2.51	20.3
Epsilon Money Market	154.92	154.92	+ 0.61	+8.89	270.9
Evergreen Shkoda	156.31	155.47	- 0.84	+1.77	34.5
Excellence Bonds	2162.29	2134.48	+ 0.67	+5.38	13.8
Eyal Corporate Bonds	148.63	148.11	- 0.13	-1.50	5.0
Eyal Shotef	143.17	143.17	+ 0.63	+7.98	22.3
Guy	728.91	719.97	+ 0.06	+5.21	120.5
Hetz Pekan	620.71	620.71	+ 0.56	+7.11	—
LBJ Shkalim	152.54	152.54	+ 0.50	+7.75	170.4
Igud Magen Shildt	103.27	103.27	+ 0.38	—	24.8
Ilanot Agas	450.61	448.43	+ 0.21	+2.04	43.3
Ilanot Alon	1996.51	1986.65	+ 0.14	+3.08	41.1
Ilanot Ammon	141.46	140.80	+ 0.31	+1.89	22.1
Ilanot Conv'bonds	3140.54	3124.20	+ 0.42	+0.39	7.0
Ilanot Eshel	798.22	794.34	- 0.15	+3.66	93.8
Ilanot Etrog	1075.88	1070.35	- 0.10	+1.64	57.1
Ilanot Muvtahot	110.06	110.06	- 0.38	+5.84	52.4
Ilanot Oren	4170.66	4150.07	- 0.43	+3.15	135.3
Ilanot Orion	184.10	183.20	+ 0.02	+4.82	28.1
Ilanot Rimon	577.27	577.27	+ 0.51	+7.33	—
Ilanot Shaher	238.37	237.24	+ 0.30	+2.19	31.9
Ilanot Shaked	236.57	235.46	+ 0.29	+2.10	37.9
Ilanot Shkoda	170.18	169.26	+ 0.15	+4.10	72.3
Keshet Pekan	438.77	431.07	+ 0.86	-2.01	34.4
Koor Amnar Bonds	208.38	204.87	+ 0.28	—	17.1
Lahak Conv. Bonds	238.90	236.90	+ 0.53	-0.99	79.0
Lahak Magen 95%	159.40	159.40	- 0.21	+5.12	184.2
Lahak Yasoor	191.63	191.63	+ 0.47	+6.86	1940
Malkarit Pekan	333.86	328.02	+ 0.23	+4.70	29.2
Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds	149.88	148.70	- 0.25	+1.68	11.0
Meitav Money Market	121.32	121.32	+ 0.32	+7.11	10.2
Mercazit Conv. Bonds

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	450	0
Africa Israel 0.1	19900	0.5
Africa Israel 1	187200	-0.2
Agis	2420	0.4
Al Paper Mills	14470	-0.5
Al-Rov	2600	0
Alrom	2660	0
Azorim Prop.	800	2.7
Bank Leumi 0.1	721	-0.7
Barak	2920	0.7
Bayside 1	43600	3.7
Bayside 5	200500	0.2
Bezeq	1183	-0.4
Blue Square	4600	3.3
Bromine	3080	1.3
Clal Electronics	52000	1.5
Clal Industries	1951	0.1
Clal Insurance	3460	-1.4
Clal Israel 1	100.2	-0.9
Dan Hotels	1194	0
Dankner	1954	0.6
Darban	980	-1.2
Dead Sea Works 0.1	820	0.1
Delek 0.1	14420	-0.2
Delek Car	714	0.1
Development Mort	22300	1.3
Discount Bank	475	-1.1
Discount Inv.	11720	2
Elbit 0.003	570	2.9
Elbit imaging	2930	0.3
Elbit system	4770	0.2
Elco	1633	1.8
Elco Industries	3400	-4.1
Electra	16570	-0.7
Electra App	1932	-3.4
Elite Ind. 1	2286	0
Elite Ind. 5	11570	0
Elron 0.003	6360	-0.2
FIBI 5	3320	0
First Int'l 1	531	0.2
First Int'l 5	2760	2.9
First Int'l Mort	50400	-2.2
Formula	12580	0
General Bank	11000	0
Granit Hasamrel	740	-0.3
Hadarim Prop.	6400	-1.6
Han-Let	2000	0.5
Hapoalim 0.1	1065	-1.3
Harel Mishmar 1	3800	-3.3
Harel Mishmar 5	16700	0.6
I.D.B. Dev.	8800	2.5
I.D.B. Holdings	9480	1.6
IDC	2180	1.8
Ind Bldgs	590	0.2
Israel Chemicals	456	3.1
Israel Corp. 1	31500	3.2
Isrotel	660	0
Jerusalem	902	0
Kafrit	37.4	2.4
KEC	1900	0
Kitan	309	-1.3
Knafaim	4710	0.2
Koor	45200	-0.7
Leader	1288	3
Leumi Insurance	216	0.9
Leumi Mortgage	78400	-2
Elron	3600	-0.8
Mediterranean Agen Ind.	1045	-4.5
Menein	570	8
Metab	4750	4
Meheadim	13900	-0.7
Mel Eden	1580	0
Melitesron	1030	-1.9
Menorah Ins. 1	2170	0
Milomor	1600	-3.1
Mishkan	55700	0.8
Mizrahi Inv.	8200	-3.7
NATSVA REGULAR	1350	0
Nice Systems	13780	3.3
Ocd	7700	0
Orbit	1350	-7.4
Ormat Industries	486	1.4
Osem Industries	1712	1
Petrochemicals	2080	1.5
Phoenix Ins. 1	5500	-1.8
Poalim Inv.	12880	-0.2
Prop & Bldg	32000	1.2
Self Industries	2050	0.5
Scitel Bone	4340	0
Supergrid	1191	-0.3
Tadiran	11980	-1.8
Tambour	547	0
Tefahot	200000	0
Tempo	1560	0.6
Teva	12220	0.9
Urdan	255	-1.2
Wire and Cables	1077	-1.2
Ytong Industries	900	0

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bokiura GD	392	-0.3
Solomon Holdings	430	0.2
Abjeo	2.1	0
Abtoll	45	0
Ace-Spade	93	0
Ackerstein Bond B	162.4	0
Ackerstein Ind.	479	-0.2
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1799	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7010	0.4
adelpen	36.5	0
Adanim	356091	-1
Adler	102	0
Adsha	148.5	0
Adumim	178.5	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	89.1	-1
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	69	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	191.5	0
Afsak Ind	1040	0
Agis Warrant 3	18	0
Agis Warrant 4	499	0
Agish Int'l	396	-1
Agri Investments	430	0
Al-Ben	125	0
Al-Ben Bond A	169	-0.5
Alhe-c2	95	0.2
Alhe w6	156.6	0
Alliance	780	0
Alonit	301	0
Alony-Hetz	505	2.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	344	0
Alrod	175	-0.6
Alrod Warrant 1	4.4	7.3
Alrov Bond D	76.7	0
Alrov Warrant 5	348	0
Alumit	202	1
Alumit	2510	-0.3
Analyst	180	0
Analyc	241	0
Anmell Warrant 1	28.6	0
Annet	803	0.5
Anpa Investments	120000	-1.7
Absiyet EMS	790	-0.6
Angel Trade	32.1	-0.6
Angel Trade Bond A	143.5	-1
Angel Trade Bond B	101.5	0.5
Angel Trade Bond C	58.5	0
Apcon	980	2
Apcon warrant 1	300	0
Applicom	3170	8.5
Arazell Warrant 2	1590	0
Arad	871	0
Arad Israel Tower	78	0
Arazim	239	0
Arazim Bond 1	245	0
Arganam	1023	0
Arhelec	2398	0
Arpel	148	0.7
Arye	595	0
Ashdod Plywood	257	0
Ashdom Plywood Bond 1	124	0
Ashdom Plywood Bond 2	368	0
Ashtex	148.5	0.3
Ashtrom Bond A	980	-4.9
Ashot	183	0
Ashot Bond A	765	-5
Ashpiya	172	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	147.7	-0.7
Ashtrom Bond 2	513	0
Ashtrom Ind.	185	-2.7
Ashtrom Prop.	86	-4.5
Astoria P Bond 1	27	0
Astoun p warrant a	91.5	0
Asnam Bond C	30	0
Asnom Warrant 2	67.5	0
Atlior	2900	0
Atmor	198	0.5
ATX	152.5	-0.8
ATX Bond A	228	0
Atzmon	4400	-0.9
Aura	340	-1.2
Avarot	1682	0
Avarot Bond A	545	-0.2
Avebach Fromica	345	0
Avhr	150.5	0
Avir Bond 1	86.5	0
Avir Bond 2	9	0
Avner	81.5	0
Avnot Bond 2	34	0
Avnot Warrant 2	480	0
Avsion	485	0
Azimuth	166.7	0.1
Azorim Properties Bond 3	431	-0.2
Azorim Warrant 13	97.5	0
Azorim Warrant 5	600	0.8
Azorim Warrant A	579	0.5
Azorim Warrant B	47	0
Badash Bond 1	382	4.9
Baltik	144.5	0
Balantine 1	126	0
Balantine Bond A	4	-9.1
Balantine Warrant 2	8800	0
Balrog	267	-1.5
Bamalsol	1400.6	0
Bapa'sal Bond A	333	0
Bar	117	0.9
Bar Bond A	282	0
Barad	710	-2.8
Barankowitz	740	0
Barkan	69	0
Barzel	225	3.2
Bartal	183.5	0
Barzilai Moshe	97.1	-0.1
Bay Side Bond 2	2200	0
Bay Side Warrant D	1700	0
Bet Shamash	330	0
Belinch	189	-0.8
Ben Yakar Bond A	72.5	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	2002	0
Ben Yakar Gat	901	-1
Benwas	122.1	0.1
Berski Bond 3	2220	0
Berski Bond 4	575	-0.5
Berski Warrant 3	311	-1.3
Berski Warrant Bond 3	1297	0
Bet	177	0
Bilbo Bond A	493	0
Bilbo	248	0
Bilbo Bond B	77.5	0.5

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bolos ipad warrant 1	38.7	0
Bonel Tichon	430	0
Bonjour	491	-2
Boulous Brothers	159.8	0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	259	0
Boulous GD Bond A	130	0.8
Brand	81.5	0
Brat	61.5	0
Brok Side	20	8.1
Brosh	110.5	0.5
Building Bank	1743	0
Building Resou.	3420	0
C Holdings	588	1
C Holdings Bond 5	85	0.2
C Holdings Warrant 3	2.2	0
Cassanea 1	4360	0
Caviel	3480	0.6
Capital	875	8.5
Capital Bond A	114	0.9
Caprice	297	-2.4
Cargal	810	0
Carmel	550	0
Carmel	428	0
Casino	503	1
Catalana 1	380	10.1
CDI	1182	0
Cenandacal Bond A	70.5	0
Cenomecal	365	-1.1
Centre	126	1.2
Centre Bond 1	120	2.1
Chemi	410	-2.2
Cheyon Computers	137.5	0
Chemygal	388	0
Chm-Ner	453	0
Ci Systems	164	0
Cidab	150.5	-0.7
Cial Computers	9800	-3.4
Cial Israel 5	498	0.4
Cial Retail	88214	0
Cohen Beni	125	0
Cohen Dav	210	2.4
Cohen Mill	158	0
Cold Storage 1	1761	3.5
Cold Storage 5	8810	4.3
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	254	2.8
Comp	155	2.6
Compl Warrant 1	29	0
Computile	171.5	0.9
Comtech	380	0
Comtrans	771	0
Contal	993	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	849	-5.8
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	1950	-2.5
Cyclone Bond 1	248	0
Cyclone Bond 2	150.5	1.1
Dafron	1748	0
Dalion Bond 1	345	0
Dalin	1.3	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	750	-2
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	153.5	0.2
Danber 1	3890	0
Danber 5	17040	5.5
Danber Bond A	288	0
Danber Resources	6800	0
Danber Resources Bond B	164	2.4
Danber Tech.	5570	-0.5
Danber Technologies Bond A	146.9	0
Danel	57.6	0
Danel Bond A	83	0
Danel Pessonnel	2100	1.9
Danel Warrant 2	444	0
Dankner Bond 1	307	0
Dankner Bond 2	1305	0.4
Dankner Bond 3	98.1	0
Dankner Warrant C	450	0
Darity	564	-0.5
Darsal	105	0
DARBAN BOND 2	97.1	0
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	288	-0.4
Darban Warrant 3	185	0
Daroa	134	0
Darton	140.5	0
Dash Investment	859	0.7
Data	880	0
Decision Systems	513	0
Degem Systems	469	-1.1
Delek Drillings	8	0
Delek Oil	1456	-0.3
Delta 1	3750	3.2
Delta 3	10710	2
Destiny	1380	0
Difcal	129	-0.8
Difcom1	1350	0
Dolev	380	0
Dolev Bond A	132.9	0
Dolev warrant 1	50	24.2
Domicar	380	-5
Domicar Bond	151	-0.3
Dor Berger	449	0
Dor Chim	349	0
Dorc wr1	120	0
Dorsa	66	0
Dor'ef	93	-0.5
Dori Engineering	465	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	133.5	0.4
Dowat Bond A	134.7	0.8
Dowat Shrem	1415	-2.5
Dowat Shrem Warrant 3	19	30.1
DSL	1000	2
Dubek M	1.9	5.8
Dubek S	1.8	12.5
Dunitz	304	0
DVG Industries	436	0
E A M Computing	1078	8.2
Edgar Albert	75.5	-0.6
Edgar Industries	198.7	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	82.6	-1.7
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	23	4.3
Elar Bond A	98	0
Elit	160	0
Elsam	288	0
Elronan	3330	-0.6
El Bad	1819	2.7
El Carit	588	0
El Carit Bond 1	157.5	-0.3
Eled	650	0
Eled Bond A	169.9	0
Eled Bond B	130.5	0
Eled c3	85.5	2.3
Eled w5	1	0
Elot Computers Bond B	123.5	-0.4
Elot Computers Warrant 2	349	-3.1
Elden Tech.	171	2.3
Electronics Line	512	0
Elgar	4890	0
Elishav	497	6.3
Elisch Ind.	976	4.7
Elkom	303	1
Ella	383	0
Ella Bond A	140	0.4
Elron	3630	0
Elron Warrant 2	2501	-1.3
Emek	134.5	0
Emyia	650	3.1
Engel Const.	783	0
EBE	2000	-3
Ested Robotech	218	0
Even	398	-0.5
Evergreen	3260	0
Excess Warrant 1	1490	-4.7
Excellence	1718	0
Export Inv.	779	2.1
Extra	103.5	-1
Feldman	178.5	8.7
Feldman Bond A	149	0
Feldman Ind.	357	-0.8
Feldman Warrant 3	100	0
Fertilizers 1	1222.5	0.4
Feuchtwanger 1	9980	0
Feuchtwanger 5	49500	-2
Fidelity	2688	0
Five J Jewelers	280	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	1226.5	0
Formica Source	1585.5	0
Frutarom	345	2.3
Gahelet	15850	1
Galoom	192	0
Galran	1178	-10
Game	199	0
Gamesronic	548	0
Gandyr	1611	0
Gan Shmuel Bond A	1125.7	0
Gan Shmuel Warrant 3	689	-0.3
Gan Shmuel	1707	-0.2
Ganel Hadar	406	0
Gap Development	109	0
Gap Holdings	238	0
Gap Warrant 2	8.9	0
Gazit	825	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	118.6	0.3
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	81.5	0.7
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	650	-4.6
Gibor Warrant 2	104	-14.2
Gibos	84	0
Gilat	188	0
Gilbak	1850	1.5
Givot Olam Oil	75	-1.5
Glob Fit	710	0
Golan	580	0
Gold	411	0
Golden House	857	0
Golden House Bond 1	245	0
Golex	171.5	-7
Granit Bond	148	0
Granit Bond 2	148.5	-1
Green Software	650	0
Greenberg	1426	0
H. Electronics	60	-9.2
H.Mor	928	5.8
Habas	2558	0
Habas Bond 1	122	0
Hadar 1	24300	-0.8
Hadar 5	76800	0
Hadar Ins.-T	899	-2.6
Hadar Ins. 5	9650	2.7
Hadarim Bond1	111.8	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1250	-4
Hagal	402	0
Hagal Bond B	146	0
Hamashbir	392	0
Hanef	4.8	0
Harel Bond A	484	-0
Hasin-Esh	700	0
Hayon	166	0
Hetahol 1	295	-17.9
Hetahol Bond A	151.9	0
Hayal	1160	1.7
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	180	0
Hayal Warrant 1	61	-1.2
Hed Arzi Music	3340	2.9
Hiron 1	10340	0
Hiron 5	40900	4.5
HL Service Bond 2	1180	0
HL Service Bond 3	1443.5	0.3
HL Services	1695	-0.5
Hof	130	0
Hof	809	0
Holi	129	0.4
Home Center	7680	0
Hydrotlos	1305	0
IBS Industries	850	0
IBS Warrant 1	100	6
Ibn Gat	114.5	-0.4
Ibn Gat Bond A	143	0
ILDC Bond 5	2255	0
ILDC Hotels	448	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	184	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	100	-9
ILDC Insurance	395	0.5
ILDC Insurance Bond A	198	0.5
Imco	983	1.1
Ind Bld Warrant 3	47.5	1.1
Ind Bldgs Rt	23	-4.8
Ind.Dev.Bank O	290	0.7
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2820	0

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Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2850	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1788	5.6
Independence Mort	79800	0
Intercosma	774	-2
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12700	0
Iscar	1696	0
Ispro	4050	0
Isracolor	400	0
Israel Corp. 5	193500	4.9
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	136	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	171	0
Isralom	933	-7
Isralom Bond B	285	0.4
Isralom Bond C	83.5	0
Israsco	2.6	-3.8
Israx 1	7150	0
Israx 5	29100	0.7
Israx Bond A	345	0
ISTA LINES	2450	0
Itay	2450	7.8
Itay Bond 1	67	0.1
Itay Warrant 1	380	0
Itay Warrant 2	80	-5
Jakora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	135	0
Jaysour Bond A	104.5	0
JEC Bond B	95	0
Jerusalem Mort	187	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	189	3.1
Jeanesse	30.2	0
JOEL	180	-2.2
JOEL Bond 1A	217	0
JOEL Bond 2	119.5	0
JOEL Bond A	220	-4.5
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	0
Kadorani	167	0
Kadour	386	4.4
kafrica bond b	76.8	-0.1
kafrica warrant 1	72	-8.3
Kalirk	1290	0
Kalkalit Bond A	92	1.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	305	1.6
Kamour	587	0
Kamour Bond G	126	0
Kamsept	1130	-0.8
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanlord	30.7	0
Kanlord Bond A	44	1.8
Kardan 1	486	0
Kardan 5	2440	2
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	4010	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	341	0
Kesher	641	0.9
Kesher Bond A	145	0
Kister	610	0
Kinir	29	0
Kind Bond A	61	2.5
King	247	0
Kinneret	208	0
Kisch Kinur	177.5	0
Kismat Toufa	1180	0
Kitur	377	-0.3
Kitat Bond A	169	0
Kitat Bond A	110.5	0.5
Klil Ind. 5	6610	-0.5
Koor Bond 5	156.5	-0.1
Kopel	212	3.9
Kopel Bond 1	342	0
La Nationale Bond A	154.4	0
La Nationale Pref	165.6	0
Lachlan	3000	-7.9
Lamon	813	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	0
Lasara	418	4.1
Lavlev	571	0.5
Lazrikit Bldg	419	1
Lazrikit Comre Ctrs	122	0
Lazrikit Commercial Centres Bond 1	118	0.8
Lazrikit Ind Bldgs	258	0
Lazrikit Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	127.2	0
Leader Warrant B	10	-8.9
Lego	472	0
Leumi R4	123.5	-4.9
Leventhal	426	-0.5
Levi	724	-5.7
Levi Bond A	136.5	0.4
Levi Bond B	81	-0.1
Levi Warrant 2	61	0
Levinstein Bond A	97.5	-0.1
Levinstein Warrant 2	818	0
Levinstein	1490	0
Liber	343	0
Lidan	1184	-0.1
Lishir 1	176	0
Lishir 5	922	0
Ligad	743	0
Ligad Bond 1	149.5	0
Lighterage 1	519	0
LMS	245	0
Lipman	3000	0
Lipsid	2400	-1.7
Lipsid Bond A	165	0
Liraz Bond A	140	-3.6
Lodan	151.5	-0.7
Lodzia 1	1516	0
Lodzia 4	5182	0
Luhot Gafi	40	2.6
Luhot Gafi Bond 1	139	0
Lumir	5000	0
Ma'ariv	3050	2.6
Ma'ariv Bond A	136.5	2.3
Maabarot	1265	-0.5
Magnet	820	-0.4
Magnell Bond A	135.4	0.3
Magnell Bond B	114.5	0.4
Magnell Bond C	72.5	0
Magnell Warrant 3	63	0
Maiil	718	-11
Magem	141.5	-1
Magem Bond A	162	0
Magem Bond B	123.5	0.4
Magiar	167	-0.8
Magma	33.3	0
Magor 1	2200	0
Magor 5	9750	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	77	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	580	0
Mail	391	-2.3
Mailbox	54	0.9
Mailbu 1	1302	0
Mailbu 5	6050	0
Mailbu Bond B	179	0
Maiks	780	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	223	-0.4
Manitur	28.7	0
Marathon	80.2	-2.4
Marathon Insured	99	1
Mario Lazrick Constr. Bond 1	163	0
Mario Lazrick Constr. Bond 2	141.5	0
Maritime Bank	1531	-0.1
Maritime Bank Bond A	198.5	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	137	0
Mashav	810	0
Mashbir	853	0
Mashov	395	0
Mashov	183.5	0.9
Matarn	1334	0
Matav Warrant 1	1128	19.5
Maxima 1	333	0
Maxima 5	1444	0
Mazpak	820	1.4
Med. Hotels	97	0.8
Medtechnics	731	
Medtechnics Bond A	130.8	0
Medtechnics Bond B	75	0
Medtechnics Warrant 2	179	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	55	0.9
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	380	0
Meir Ezra	2020	0
Meir Ezra Bond B	247	0
Melot	285	
Mellesaron Bond B	68.7	0.3
Mellesaron Warrant 3	41	0
Mendelson	223	-0.4
Menorim	37.8	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8930	-0.8
Mercantil	380	0.3
Merhav	199	0
Meytarit	393	-3
Middle East Tube	370	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	104.9	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	24	0
Millenor Bond A	143.4	1.8
Millenor Bond B	74.1	0.7
Millenor Warrant 2	189	0
Milmeir	105	0
Mini Line	523	0
Minrav	12650	0.9
Mirage	220	0
Mirage Bond A	126	0
Mirage Warrant 1	15	-8.2
Mirkafot	68	0
Mishmaot	19	0
Mishmaot Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	138.5	0.8
Mishor Hahol	385	3.6
Mitavni	159.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	2590	-0.4
Mivtach Shamir	1180	-8.8
Mizrahi	1010	-0.9
Mizrahi warrant 1	441	0
Mizrahi warrant 2	251	-1.2
MM Engineering	58	0
MM Engineering Bond A	97	1.8
Modgal	570	0
Modiin	1	0
Mofet	212	-1.4
Mofet Convertible Bond AAA	230	-1.7
Molam	884	-1
More Plastic Ind.	370	-4.9
Moshkowitz	159.8	0
MTI Computers	475	0
Muli-T-Lock	805	0.5
Mula Semter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	50	0
Naphtha	33	-7.5
Naphtha Oil Exp.	20.9	-4.6
Nalour	730	-2.1
NATSVA BOND A	96.6	0.2
Navigator	371	-4.9
Navigator Property	743	-0.1
Nechushtan Bond B	71.5	1.4
Nechushtan Prop.	209	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	125.5	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	24	0
Negev Ceramics	154.5	-0.3
Nehushtan 1	583	-0.3
Nehushtan 5	2580	0
Neot Aviv	5310	-11
Neptus	447	-5.1
Nesa Adrel	84	0
Nevilio Hotels	360	0
Newlot	720	-4.2
Nila	238	-2.9
Nilsw	1130	0
Nirco	2670	2.4
Nissan	230	-1.3
NMC	287	-2.6
Noga	1549	-0.1
Noga Incorens	122	0
Norden	10.9	0
Nostan Tech.	365	0
Norlotk	510	0
Norlotk Bond A	148	0.2
Nur	69	0
NYP	841	0
Oceana	262	0
Ocil Bond A	178.8	0
Ocil Bond C	82.7	0.1
Ocil Warrant 2	725	4.8
Octava	532	0
Ofek	211	0
Ofer Bro	6200	0
Ofib	1090	0
Ogden	81	0
Oheliav	524	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Oil Fields	1.2	0
Old-Dok	230	0.3
Omni	273	0
Oramtech	198	0
Ophir	400	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	140.5	-1.1
Orasys	3157	0
Orazil	510	0
Orazil Bond A	156.8	0.1
Orde	4050	-5.7
Orde Bond 1	169	0
Orev	662	-0.3
Orfali	118	0
Orlite	330	-4.8
Orlite Bond A	83.6	-0.5
Orlite Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	124.5	0.4
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	199	0
Orlal	370	0
Osher Hashiton	25900	0.8
Oz	259	0
Oz atide	416	0
Packer Steel	5820	3.8
Paltough	606	0
PAM	580	1.7
Pama	899	0
Pamas	2830	1.1
Pan Dor	251	0
Pardes	788	-10
Pardes Bond A	69	0
Passport	1940	3.6
Paz Chen	543	0
PCB	1850	0.5
Pdan Investment	53	0
Peiros	107.2	0
Penicleen	736	0
Phoenix Ins. 5	20400	0
Pica Plast	375	0
Pinros	127	-0.4
Pinros Bond A	138	0
Pitkh	395.5	0
Plasson bond a	97.5	0
Plasson warrant 1	480	0
Plasson	3840	-2.1
Plasto Sec	638	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	80	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	97	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	90	1.1
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2850	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	129.6	0
Poalim Warrant 3	525	-1.9
Polrs of Sale	2500	-4
Polsat	342	0
Polgat A	345	0
Polgat B 4	845	-0.6
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	206	0
Polygon Bond 2	213	0
Poraz	256	2.3
Porr	82	0
Poseidon	113.9	0.9
Pri Haemek	20.9	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	36.2	0
Pritzker	188	0
Pritzker Bond A	135.5	0.4
Profit	310	0
Profit Bond A	124	0
Pychon	480	0
Quality Cap Mkts	488	0
Rabinlav	210	0
Ram Zur	80.8	0
Ramgor 1	281	0
Ramgor 4	702	0.4
Rapak	2480	0
Rapak Bond A	148.2

Wall Street surges to record high

Wall Street

US stocks surged to record highs yesterday as investors put aside their worries over the ailing Japanese and Asian economies and instead focused on US corporate earnings reports.

Based on early, unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 149.33 points, or 1.6%, at 9,245.54, breezing through its May 13 record finish of 9,211.84.

Advancing issues led declines 16 to 12 on heavy volume of 695 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq composite index posted its fifth consecutive record close, rising 2.88 points, or 0.15%, to 1,968.41.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 12.39 points, or 1%, to 1,177.58, a new high.

J.P. Morgan & Co. Inc., Johnson & Johnson and General Motors Corp. all finished with solid gains after each of the corporate giants posted earnings that met or exceeded Wall Street expectations.

"This is an earnings relief rally," said Charlie Crane, chief market strategist at Key Asset Management. "I think the earnings are pretty darn mediocre, but because they are a little bit better than most people were expecting, they are being regarded as stellar," he said.

Johnson & Johnson rose 2-7/16 to 74-1/4, J.P. Morgan leaped 7-9/16 to 133-9/16 and GM added 7/16 to close at 69-1/2. (Reuters)

Tel Aviv

Stocks were mixed, with Israel Chemicals leading gainers after being reiterated "buy" at Sahar Securities.

The Maof Index of 24 largest companies added 0.1 percent to 325.61, with 13 shares rising and 11 unchanged. The index was helped up by Israel Chemicals, which gained 2.5% to 4.53.

Stocks were also helped by expectations the June consumer price index, to be announced today, will decline 0.1% compared with last year's rise of 1.1%. That is expected to prompt the Bank of Israel to cut interest rates for the seventh time this year, helping company profits.

"It seems that the inflation figures will be lower than expected and even be on the negative side," said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities. The Bank of Israel "is going to cut interest rates by an additional 0.6 percentage point in the coming two months."

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies gained 0.13% to 312.58.

Gains were limited by declines in Makhteshim-Agan, a maker of chemicals used in herbicides. The company dropped 4.3% to 10.45, amid concern sparked by a profit warning last week from DuPont Co., which said second-quarter earnings could fall 15% because of lower prices for crop-protection chemicals and oil, said Martin Geifman, an analyst at Zannex Securities. Geifman has a "buy" rating on the stock.

Makhteshim-Agan was the most active issue, with NIS 19.1 million in transactions.

Foreign investors may have refrained from putting new money into Israeli equities because of concern about instability in other emerging markets, such as Russia and Japan analysts said.

"People are holding back now on increasing their positions in emerging markets," said Ron Weisberg, an international trader at Israel Brokerage and Investments. "The volatility in the world and uncertainty in Russia and Japan are driving people to be a bit more cautious."

Asia

Stocks across Asia were mixed, as optimism that Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's resignation will compel the government to tackle a recession was offset by uncertainty over who would succeed him.

Investors are encouraged by Hashimoto's decision to step down as it will likely spur policy changes that will also boost economic growth beyond Japan, traders said.

However, gains would likely be capped by concern over Japan's ongoing financial crisis and questions over who will replace him, they said.

"Expectations are tinged with anxiety," said Kenji Karikomi, deputy general manager at Daiwa Securities Co.'s equity department. "Whoever becomes prime minister won't be able to avoid cutting taxes and stabilizing the financial system — but the opposition will give him a hard time on the bank plan."

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index rose as much 0.12%, to 8,108.66. The rate Hong Kong banks charge each other for three-month loans fell to 9.0% from Monday's 9.375%, boosting banking and developer stocks.

HSBC Holdings Plc, which accounts for almost a third of the benchmark index, led gains. It rose 0.83% to HK$182.00, while its Hang Seng Bank unit gained 0.7% to HK$40.90.

In Tokyo, stocks were little changed. Steelmakers such as Nippon Steel Corp. and retailers gained on hopes of large-scale tax cuts to pump up domestic demand. Financial shares fell on expectations Hashimoto's departure may delay bank restructuring.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index rose 20.73 points, or 0.13%, to 16,381.12. The broader Topix index of all companies listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange added 3.84 points, or 0.31%, to 1260.28.

Europe

UK stocks rose, with the benchmark index posting its biggest point gain this year, as slower-than-expected inflation eased concern about a further rise in official interest rates.

"It should finally convince people that interest rates in the UK don't need to go up anymore," said Nigel Cobby, a director at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter & Co. "There would appear to be some real evidence this economy is slowing quite quickly — maybe inflation isn't going to be quite as high as people feared."

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index rose 142.0 points to 6100.2, just shy of its 6105.8 closing high reached April 6.

Banks paced the gain on expectations the central bank won't raise rates, spurring consumer and company borrowing. Lloyds TSB Group Plc gained 52p to 914 adding 15.7 points to the index's gain.

Retail prices excluding mortgage interest payments — the UK's most closely watched measure of inflation — *fell 0.1% in June, slowing the annual rate to* 2.8% in June from 3.2% in May. Economists expected inflation to rise 0.1% for the month and 3.0% for the year. (Bloomberg)

STOCKS



Maof 325.61 ▲ 0.1%

Dow Jones 9245 ▲ 1.6%

FTSE 6100.2 ▲ 2.38%

Nikkei 16381.12 ▲ 0.13%

Yen gains on talk Japan will step up reform

The dollar fell a second day against the yen on speculation political upheaval in Japan, including Monday's resignation of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, will lead to stepped-up efforts to revive the economy.

"The market is reacting to the prospect that (economic) changes will happen more quickly than usual in Japan," said Bob Fahkouri, manager of foreign exchange at Generale Bank. That's dragging the dollar down, he said.

The dollar fell to 140.23 yen from 141.14 Monday in New York. It slumped to 1.7972 marks from 1.8013, with the German currency extending Monday's gains on expectations $22.6 billion in loans to Russia from the International Monetary Fund will help Russia get its economy on track. Germany is Russia's biggest creditor and trading partner, so the performance of its economy and financial markets tends to impact Germany.

Hashimoto resigned after his ruling Liberal Democratic Party suffered losses in Sunday's elections in the upper house of parliament. Traders and investors now hope his successor will take bold steps to pull the economy out of a recession.

The US currency also fell on concern that the US and Japanese governments may sell dollars to curb the yen's decline.

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.659 ▼ 0.191%

Basket 3.8945 ▼ 0.066%

Mark 2.0292 ▲ 0.222%

Sterling 5.9865 ▼ 0.178%

The Japanese currency has fallen 7 percent against the dollar this year.

Speculation about intervention gathered steam on Japanese reports that US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and Japanese Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs Eisuke Sakakibara will meet Friday in Massachusetts.

"There's some concern Summers and Sakakibara may discuss ways to protect the yen from appreciation in the dollar," said Tatsuya Enomoto, manager of foreign exchange at Sumitomo Bank Ltd. Still, he said he remains bullish on the dollar because US interest rates are so much higher than rates in Japan.

"With the interest rate differential between the US and Japan, I don't think there's any strong reason to buy yen against the dollar," he said.

Ten-year US bonds currently yield 371 basis points more than 10-year Japanese bonds.

The dollar's losses sped up after the currency triggered automatic sell orders near 141 yen, said Jeffrey Yu, a senior currency trader at Sanwa Bank. Traders often put in place so-called "stop-loss" orders to curb losses, should a currency move counter to expectations. (Bloomberg)

Gold rises in line with little-changed yen

Precious metals

Gold for August delivery rose $1.40, or less than 0.5 percent, to $293.80 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, in line with a little changed yen.

Gold has been closely linked to the yen in recent months, as a stronger US currency makes the dollar-priced metal more expensive for Japanese buyers. Traders seek signs that Japan can lift its economy out of recession and are awaiting next week's appointment of a new Prime Minister, after Ryutaro Hashimoto resigned when his ruling party was defeated in parliamentary elections.

The change in government could delay economic reforms that will lift the company out of recession, traders said, though it is also seen as opening the door for new leaders to tackle reforms. Japan is seen as the key to pulling the rest of eastern Asia, where recession and devalued currencies sapped demand in the world's top gold-consuming region.

Energy

Crude oil for August delivery was little changed, up 10 cents at $14.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders awaited further evidence of output cutting efforts from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers aimed at lifting prices. Cuts that began in April were expanded at the beginning of this month.

While it may be too soon for those latest cuts to reduce supplies, traders will keep a close eye on weekly changes to US oil inventories in a report by the American Petroleum Institute, due after markets close.

Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp. Monday said a fire occurred in part of its 77,000-barrel-a-day refinery at Ardmore, Oklahoma. The blaze in the refinery's gasoline unit was extinguished, though the extent of damage wasn't clear.

COMMODITIES



Gold $292.75 ▲ 1.1%

Crude Oil $12.84 ▲ 0.13%

CRB 209.7 ▲ 0.34%

Others

Zinc for three-month delivery rose as much as $22.50, or 2%, to a six-week high of $1,072.50 a metric ton amid optimism a change in Japan's government may trigger an economic revival that would boost demand for zinc in the world's largest producer and consumer of the metal. The resignation of Japan's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto has increased optimism a new leader will do more to introduce tax cuts and speed economic reform to take the country out of recession. (Bloomberg)

US bonds fall as dollar slips

US bonds fell, pushing yields to the highest in more than three weeks, as the dollar fell and investors mulled over whether new leadership in Japan will speed up economic reforms in that country.

"The recent developments in Japan are important," said Livingston Douglas, chief investment officer at Kiewit Investment Management in Omaha, Nebraska, which manages about $1.3 billion in bonds. "The surprise is going to be if Asia gets its act together sooner than some think."

The benchmark 30-year US Treasury bond fell 9/32, or $2.81 cents per $1,000 bond, to 105 27/32, raising the yield 2 basis points to 5.71 percent.

Bonds on Monday posted the biggest loss in almost a month amid speculation a new Japanese prime minister will take bold steps to pull the country out of recession and fix its ailing banking system. In addition, the International Monetary Fund said it will lend Russia about $14.8 billion this year to help avoid a default.

Treasury securities declined as investors saw less reason to park their money in safe US assets to protect against losses overseas. In recent months, that trade helped push bond yields to the lowest since the government began selling the securities in 1977. Thirty-year bond yields fell to 5.56% last week.

"There is concern the flight to quality could ease," said Mary Dennis, a senior economist at Merrill Lynch & Co. "The Japanese situation is still in the forefront."

Bonds earlier climbed as much as 1/2 point after reports showing weaker-than-expected consumer prices and retail sales in June boosted speculation that Asia's economic slowdown will keep US inflation low in coming months.

The consumer price index rose 0.1% last month, and 0.1% excluding food and energy costs, the government said.

Meantime, retail sales rose 0.1% in June, less than the 0.5% gain expected. May's retail results were revised up to a 1.2% gain from the 0.9% rise first reported.

"Our domestic economy could be slowing and there is no inflation — it calms the nerves," said Patricia Larkin, who oversees the management of $35 billion of fixed-income securities at Dreyfus Corp.

She said 30-year bonds may end the year at a yield between 5.5% and 5.6%.

Low inflation is good for bonds because inflation eats into their value. Consumer prices rose at an annual pace of 1.6% in the first six months of the year, on track to match last year's pace, which was the slowest since 1986.

"I'm happy to see that inflation is still tame," said Kiewit's Douglas. Still, bonds didn't sustain their gains because so many investors already have placed bets on a slowing economy, he said.

In addition, the combination of retail results from May and June shows "the consumer is in great shape," he said. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of US economic activity.

Still, many are optimistic the economy is slowing enough as a result of Asia's economic difficulties to keep inflation at bay. The government on Friday said prices paid to factories and other producers dropped in June for the first time in three months.

The reports also leave intact expectations that the Federal Reserve will leave its target for overnight lending between banks unchanged in the months to come. The Fed hasn't adjusted the so-called federal funds rate since March 1997, when it rose by 25 basis points to 5.5%. (Bloomberg)

BONDS



US 30-year T-bill yield

5.66 ▼ 0.3

	LAST	CHANGE*
TRW Inc	58.625	+0.875
Tab Products	12.5	-0.25
Tandy Corp	57.375	+1.4375
Telecom Corp	40	+0.9375
Telefonos de Mex	62.125	+0.6875
Telef De Espana	147.125	-0.625
Temple Inland	83.4375	+1.125
Tenneco	35.4375	+0.4375
Tenet Health	28.3125	-0.1875
Teradyne	28	+0.1875
Tesoro Pet	19.6875	+0.625
Texaco	57.625	+1.0625
Texas Instruments	58.375	-0.75
Texas Utilities	42	+0.125
Textron	73.625	+0.625
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	47.125	+0.875
ThreeCom	28.6875	-0.1875
Time Warner	91.25	+1.5
Times-Mirror	62.9375	+0.375
Timken	28	-0.3125
Torchmark	45.1875	+0.4375
Tosco Corp	30.825	+0.375
Toys R Us	23	+0.375
Transamerica	119.938	+1.4375
Transco Energy	57.0625	+0.9375
Travellers Grp	71.0625	+1
Tribune	73.9375	+1.875
Tosco Energy	31.625	-2
TWA	10.6875	+0.1875
Tyco Intl Ltd	67.1875	+1.75
Tyler	9.5	-0.125
UAL Corp	93.125	+1.9375
USG Corp	56.375	+2.0625
UST Inc	28.9375	+0.5
USX Marathon	34.75	+0.875
USX-US Steel	31.25	+0
Ultramar Diam	29.125	+0.25
Unicom Corp	35.9375	-0.0625
Unilever PLC	44.375	+1
Unilever NV	80.125	+2.5625
Union Camp	45.3125	+0.4375
Union Carbide	53.1875	-0.1875
Union Pacific	42.625	+0.125
Unisys Corp	27.4375	+0.1875
USAIR Group	79.875	+0.5625
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	43.6875	+1.5625
US Surgical	48.875	+1.125
US Trust	78	+2.625
US West	51.1875	+0.375
United Tech	95.4375	+0.5625
Unocal Corp	35	+1.25
VF Corp	50.25	+0.1875
VMRX Pharmaceut	1.125	+0.125
Valero Energy	29.6875	-0.5625
Varian Assoc	38	-0.25
Viacom Inc	63.625	+1.25
Vishay	15.5875	-0.1875
Vulcan Materials	113	+0.1875
Wachovia	88.75	+1.125
Walgreen	46.25	+0.125
Wal-Mart Stores	86.5	+2.4375
Warner-Lambert	78.75	+3.0625
Wash Gas Light	25.4375	+0.4375
Washington Mutu	45.625	-0.4375
Washington Post	502	+4.5
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39.875	+1.625
Watkins-Johnson	26.25	-0.375
Wea Markets	36.25	+0.0625
Wells Fargo	392.938	+12.875
Wendy's Intl	22	+0.0625
Westvaco	27.3125	+0.4375
Weyerhaeuser	45.75	+0.125
Whirlpool	69.3125	+1.3125
Whitman	22.0625	-0.0625
Williams Co	35.3125	+0.625
Winn Dixie Stos	47.4375	+0.875
Woolworth	16.9375	-0.4375
World Comm	52.75	+1.75
Worthington Ind	14.5	-0.1875
Wrigley	99.25	+0.875
Xerox	107.813	-0.25
Yellow Freight	17.5625	-0.375
Zenith Electron	-	-
Zero Co	30.9875	-0.0625

LONDON

Allied Domecq	554	+4.5
BAT Inds	694.5	+34.5
BT	803	+21.5
BTR	188	+1
Barclays	1904	+69
Bass	1080	+5
Boots	1035	+11
British Airways	691	+2
Comm Union plc	1160	+45
Diageo	788	+7
General Electric	546	+4
Glaxo	1870	+65
Hallfax	795	+43.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1562	+52
ICI	983	-20
Land Securities	920	+4.5
Lloyds Bank	914	+52.5
Marks & Spencer	547	+6.5
NatWest Bank	1160	+60
Prudential	876	+24
Reuters	661.5	-12.5
Sainsbury	545	+0.5
Shell Transport	412	+3.5
Tyco Intl	3750	+0
Unilever	676	+14
Zeneca	2512	+56

PARIS

Accor	1713	0
Air Liquide	998	0
Alcatel Alsthom	1357	0
Euro Disney	11.6	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Saint Gobain	1086	0

FRANKFURT

Bayer	92.75	+1.15
Deimler-Benz	176.2	+0.7
Lufthansa	54.25	+1.05
Mannesmann	184.9	-0.1
Metallgesellschaft	42.6	-0.2
Volkswagen	169.3	+1.9

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-JUL-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sel (Basket) (1)	3.8945	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.659	0
British Pound (1)	5.9865	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0292	0
French Franc (1)	0.6053	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.594	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4093	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4719	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0578	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1409	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9245.54	+149.33
DJ Transport	3618.78	+57.46
DJ Utils	290.99	+0.85
DJ Comp	2959.27	+41.71
NYSE Industr	731.22	+6.55
NYSE Transport	521.4	+7.03
NYSE Comp	597.61	+6.19
S&P 100	575.24	+6.27
S&P Spot Index	1177.58	+12.39

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	6100.2	+142
Tokyo Nikkei	16488.9	+128.6
Singapore all-share Index	-	-
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	8178.93	+79.73
Paris CAC 40	-	-
DAX	6019.48	+37.06
Madrid	932.57	+6.77
Sydney	2754.2	+35.6
Milan	1552.92	+9.08

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6344	-0.0062
Sep future (CME)	1.6286	-0.0056
D-mark: spot	1.803	+0.0025
Sep.future (CME)	0.5564	-0.0007
S-franc: spot	1.5203	+0.002
Sep.future (CME)	0.6613	-0.0009
Yen: spot	140.02	+0.57
Sep.future (CME)	0.007205	+6.9e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.4817	+0.0025
Sep.future (CME)	0.6768	+0.0003
AusDlr: spot	0.6238	+0.0065
Sep.future (CME)	0.8242	+0.008
F-franc: spot	6.045	+0.004
It Lira: spot	1778	+1.35
Ntg: spot	2.0327	+0.003
AuSShg: spot	12.6705	+0.0123
Rand: spot	6.005	-0.185
ECU: spot	1.0961	-0.0013

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1543	+4
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	110.9	+0.65
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	392.25	-3.75
Soybean (Jul) (CBOT)	656.25	-2.5
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	8.67	-0.09
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	97.4	0
Crude Oil (Aug)(NYMEX)	14.55	+0.64
Bonds Sep.future	122.438	-0.40625
S and P Sep.future	1185.8	+12.1

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	1040	-14
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	1525	-6
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.32	-0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	294	+1.6
Silver (Jul)	5.289	-0.008
Platinum (Jul)	398.9	+2.2
Palladium (Sep)	287.25	-0.1
High-grade copper (Jul)	0.7435	+0.0055

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	292.2	+1.5
Gold PM fix	293.35	+1.85
Silver fix	533	+5.2

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
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(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
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U.S. dollar	3.6268	3.6853	3.56	3.74	3.6590
German mark	2.0158	2.0484	1.98	2.08	2.0292
Pound sterling	5.9406	6.0365	5.83	6.13	5.9865
French franc	0.6015	0.6113	0.59	0.62	0.6053
Japanese yen (100)	2.5728	2.6143	2.52	2.66	2.5945
Dutch florin	1.7883	1.8172	1.75	1.85	1.7998
Swiss franc	2.3896	2.4282	2.34	2.47	2.4093
Swedish krona	0.4513	0.4586	0.44	0.47	0.4536
Norwegian krone	0.4736	0.4813	0.46	0.49	0.4769
Danish krone	0.5290	0.5376	0.51	0.55	0.5324
Finnish mark	0.6631	0.6738	0.65	0.69	0.6675
Canadian dollar	2.4491	2.4887	2.40	2.53	2.4719
Australian dollar	2.2441	2.2803	2.20	2.32	2.2636
S. African rand	0.5970	0.6067	0.54	0.61	0.5979
Belgian franc (10)	0.9775	0.9933	0.96	1.01	0.9841
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8855	2.9118	2.81	2.96	2.8944
Italian lira (1000)	2.0446	2.0776	2.00	2.11	2.0578
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Spanish peseta (100)	2.3753	2.4137	2.33	2.45	2.3911

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Beckham just about alive and kicking

AS we rise from our sofas after five weeks of square-eye bashing, the football itself appears to have been relegated to the back burner.

When the late Bill Shankly casually remarked that football was not a matter of life and death but was much more important, he could hardly have envisaged the furor surrounding David Beckham and that moment of petulance in the game against Argentina.

One can understand the post-match recriminations clumsily led by coach Glenn Hoddle who firmly pointed the finger of blame at the Manchester United star: "He cost us the game". This was followed by phone-in after phone-in with an overwhelming majority of so-called fans venting their feelings of frustration on Beckham.

The squad flew home, Beckham went to join his girlfriend on holiday, and we thought the matter might have died a natural death. But it is not to be.

Over the past week a series of disturbing news stories has highlighted a problem of which the bizarre Ronaldo pre-final mystery is also very much on the agenda – has football taken over politics in asserting one's nationalism?

As he returns from holiday, Beckham will no doubt be delighted to know that effigies of himself hanging from pubs, trees, and one or two football grounds are the new icons of football memorabilia.

His parents have been forced to hire 24-hour personal security guards following death threats. And as fate would have it, the fixtures computer has thrown up the mother of all watersheds for the second week of the season – West Ham United to host Manchester United.

Beckham, who grew up a couple of tube stops from Upton Park, is at the best of times persona non grata in the East End. Last week a death threat was actually hung on the gates of the stadium. And just to complete Beckham's pleasure, the Hammers have found a sponsor this season after being the only Premiership club without one last year.

The famous cult shoe company Doc Martens will adorn the shirts, a clever piece of marketing if ever there was one, the boots and shoes de rigueur for skinheads and other undesirables in the halcyon days of football hooligans.

The feeling here is that Beckham could decide that he doesn't need this kind of nonsense and pack up his troubles in a kit bag bound for one of the top Italian clubs.

The tabloid giants are unwilling to stem the lynch mob (some would argue that they have actually caused it), and Beckham, just like Ronaldo, might consider that fame and fortune are all very well until they are hired out with unreasonable conditions by the landlords of public opinion.

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

ONE man who bowed out of the World Cup with pride is Brian Moore, the veteran commentator who hung up his mike after 30 years of punditry. At 67, Moore has perfected the art of commentary to an exact science and is regarded as the best in the business.

Veteran commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme who is still going strong on Channel Four's Football Italia said Moore will be hard to replace. "Nobody bothers about the commentators these days. It's all about what I call the pre-match, halfway match and full-time match yappers who send me to sleep. I do think the standard of commentary has gone down tremendously."

TRANSFER of the week – undoubtedly Ian Wright's move from Arsenal to West Ham. "I wouldn't have moved to any other club," the 34-year-old told reporters as he held his Doc Marten shirt aloft on Monday. Wright revealed that he had a long talk with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger last week: "Arsene said he wanted me to stay but he did not beg me. It got quite emotional."

Arsenal are now running against Tottenham and Manchester United for Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert's signature.

OF course it is still summer and we are looking forward to another of the great sporting occasions, the Open, this year being held in the northern Royal Birkdale course. For the first time in over 40 years there will be no presence from the Nicklaus family. Jack is unavailable and son Gary failed to qualify.

For British enthusiasts, there are great signs if optimism with Lee Westwood joint bookies' favorite alongside Tiger Woods.

But it doesn't look like being Nick Faldo's year. The greatest British golfer ever is suffering from golfer's elbow and was completely out of sorts in practice.

With the course tormented by strong westerly winds amid the inclement weather, it's going to be a real test of strength to see which players can cope with the conditions.

FINALLY to the tragedy which befell cyclist Chris Boardman. The Briton crashed out of the second stage of the Tour de France wearing the yellow jersey after his time trial win in Dublin over the weekend. Prophetically, Boardman said after winning the time trial: "My ambitions are restricted this year in that I won't be able to compete in the mountains. It's a fine line between negative thinking and realism."

As the race continues in France, Boardman has his own mental mountain to climb, his dream shattered by a front wheel which went out of control.

Rangers to get only 500 tickets for match in Dublin

GLASGOW (Reuters) – Rangers appear certain to have their ticket allocation for next week's UEFA Cup match in Dublin drastically reduced in a bid to avoid adding to the troubles in Northern Ireland.

The Scottish club learned yesterday that their 5,000 allocation for the qualifying round against Shelbourne at Tolka Park could be cut to just 500 and the kick-off switched to mid-day with a total alcohol ban following violence at Drumcree on the other side of the border.

The Protestant Orange Order has been involved in a confrontation with security forced at Drumcree over being banned from marching through a Catholic area of Portadown.

Rangers have a large following among Northern Ireland's Protestant community – they even have a superstore selling club merchandise in Belfast – and there are fears that some of the protesters could seek a confrontation with Rangers' fans in Dublin.

The last time Rangers visited Dublin in 1984 their fans fought police during a UEFA Cup match against Bohemians.

It was later established that much of the trouble had come from fans travelling from Northern Ireland who had obtained tickets from unofficial sources.

Rangers chairman David Murray has pledged to Shelbourne that the tickets for the game on July 22 would have a strict distribution policy.

New Romanian soccer coach named

BUCHAREST (AP) – A former striker and coach of Romania's under-21 soccer team was yesterday appointed to head the country's national soccer team for two years.

Victor Piturca, 42, replaces Anghel Iordanescu, who will coach Greece. Piturca's salary is confidential, but Greece will pay Iordanescu $400,000 a year, a fortune in Romania.

Romania were eliminated by Croatia in the World Cup, losing 1-0. The team is comprised of several aging stars and a handful of budding young ones who play for mainly European clubs.

Piturca, who had been convicted of gambling during the Communist years, said he aims to get the team to the European Championships in two years.

"I was a striker, and so I will train the team to be on the offensive," said Piturca.

Piturca played for Romania 13 times and in 1986 won the European Cup with Steaua Bucharest.

SPORTS

in brief

France, England win FIFA Fair Play Award

ZURICH (AP) – World soccer champions France and England are the joint winners of the World Cup's Fair Play Award, world soccer's governing body FIFA said yesterday.

Both teams averaged 828 points in the fair play classification during the tournament, which ended Sunday when France beat Brazil 3-0.

Norway finished third in the standings. The joint winners will each receive a trophy, individual medals for their players and $25,000 worth of equipment for youth soccer. The awards will be presented in Barcelona next January.

The fair play classification is based on a scale that rewards good sportsmanship and a team's positive approach to the game.

Only teams that pass the first round qualify for the award.

Mystery bettor fails to collect £57,537

LONDON (AP) – A man who placed a £16 five-bet accumulator which included France winning the World Cup has failed to collect his £57,537 payoff.

The mystery winner placed the bet with British bookmaker William Hill at Surbiton, Surrey, on July 4 but has not been seen in the betting shop since.

William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe said he had no idea who the man was.

The correct selections on the winning ticket were: Arsenal to win the FA Cup at odds of 8-1; Chelsea to win the Cup Winner's Cup at 5-1; Nottingham Forest for Division One at 6-1; Notts County to win Division Three at 11-1; and France to win the World Cup.

Former golfer to be Spain's sports minister

MADRID (Reuters) – Former amateur golf international Santiago Fisas will become Spain's new secretary of state for sports, Spanish government officials confirmed yesterday.

Fisas, a lawyer, will take office on Friday. He replaces Pedro Antonio Martin Marin who has held the post since May 1996.

The new man at the top of Spanish sport was an amateur golf international between 1967 and 1970 and part of the Spanish team that won the 1967 European championship.

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Nicklaus, Ripken: Bowing out gracefully

Jack Nicklaus won't be at Royal Birkdale in Manchester when they tee it up tomorrow and begin the British Open. This will end Nicklaus's streak of 146 consecutive appearances in pro golf's four major championships – the Masters, US Open, PGA Championship and British Open. It will also end Nicklaus' even more impressive streak of playing in 154 successive majors he was eligible for, dating from 1957.

Think about that for a second. Pro sports as we know it was in its infancy then; 1957 was pre-expansion. In 1957, there were 16 major league baseball teams, 12 NFL teams, 8 NBA teams and 6 NHL teams. To give you perspective on how long ago Jack Nicklaus started playing in golf's major championships, neither Michael Jordan nor Cal Ripken Jr.had been born.

The names Jordan and Ripken are bound to come up whenever the talk turns to streaks and bowing out gracefully. It has become open season on both men lately as a growing number of sportswriters and sportscasters call for Jordan to retire and for Ripken to sit down.

There was no such pressure on Nicklaus. Indeed, many of us wonder why he broke the streak now, considering he tied for sixth in this year's Masters, and he plans to play the Masters and US Open through 2000. In fact, he said Monday he intends to play all four majors in 2000, and then stop playing the PGA Tour at the age of 60.

"We've all got to stop sometime, and I don't think it's any big deal," Nicklaus said. But Nicklaus said he would still play some "seniors" golf.

His streak is over, but he is not quitting cold turkey here – as Jordan would be, as Ripken might well do when his streak ends. With his commitment to at least six of the eight majors in the next two years, Nicklaus is barely cutting back. It seems he ended his streak here just to get people to stop asking him about when he was going to end it. (And maybe his lack of fondness for the English courses in the British Open rotation made this as good a time as any).

Nicklaus is the greatest golfer of all time, period. He not only won 18 majors – far more than anyone else – but he finished second 19 times. That's 37 times in the top two! No current golfer has 37 finishes in the top 10. It's tempting to say Nicklaus is a cer-emonial player at majors now, but his Masters finish implies he's still formidable in large settings.

MY CALL

By TONY KORNHEISER

Jordan is in the same position in his sport, the greatest ever. He has led his team to championships in the last six full seasons he has competed. He won a championship in college, and with two Olympic teams. Jordan has scored in double figures an amazing 841 straight games (dating from March 1986, a month before Nicklaus last won the Masters). The next longest active streak is 548. Why anybody wants him to retire is beyond me. Jordan is still the best player in the world, and those people who are urging him to retire because it fulfills their sense of perfection, their sense of poetry, should go to the dog track.

But Ripken is another story. He is not the best third baseman in baseball. He is an aging player (five weeks away from turning 38) with a .256 batting average, and seven home runs and 37 RBI – weak numbers at a power position like third base. If Ripken didn't have this incredible consecutive-game streak going, he would surely be asked to take a seat on the bench every now and then.

Even before Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record in 1995, critics were saying that The Streak had made Ripken bigger than the team he played for – and it was therefore hurtful, and ought to be stopped for everybody's good. (My feeling then and now is that their careers ought to be stopped for everybody's good.)

But now that 2,130 has been left so far behind, the chorus of critics grows louder. At the All-Star Game last week Bob Costas and Joe Morgan both said they thought everybody could use a day off here and there. Sounding very much like Peter G. Angelos, they echoed the notion that Ripken's streak was so far out there now that it seemed to no longer have a point. Like it's anti-climactic. Even greedy.

Sportswriter friends of mine predict Ripken won't go quietly, that he will dig his heels in – and even though Ripken has always maintained he will live with a "baseball decision" to end the streak, they believe it will end bloody.

They say at some point Ripken should sit down for the good of the game.

Isn't that a laugh? Just a few years ago, coming out of that terrible strike of 1994, Cal Ripken Jr. was the only good in the game.

Here's what I say to the people who say that Ripken's streak is killing the Orioles: The Orioles have won five in a row, and they are still 25½ games out of first. Did Cal Ripken make the Orioles that bad by himself? You think if Ray Miller had sat Ripken down for a few games, the Orioles would be ahead of the Yankees? Please.

Let's understand something: This day-off stuff is overrated.

Sitting down for a day won't make Ripken 28 again. All it will do is end his streak. And for what? You may not see a need for Ripken to play every game, but there's no need to sit him down just to break The Streak. Don't tell me players need rests. There are days off built in to the schedule. There are no doubleheaders anymore. Dugouts are air-conditioned. Let's not make baseball into the French Foreign Legion.

Every time somebody gets ready to bury Ripken, Ripken shows them how premature it is. He's not Willie Mays, stumbling under a fly ball.

Take the All-Star Game. It was Ripken who banged a two-run double off the right field wall in the fourth inning to get the American League on the board. And it was Ripken's introduction that received the loudest, longest ovation. Ripken has always been a big-game player.

You wait – if the Orioles do make a move now, it will be Ripken in the middle of it.

Ripken is clearly the best third baseman Baltimore has. If he wants to play every day, people ought to build a statue for him. It's true that is because of The Streak.

Ripken's presence on the O's has been inhibiting, and has made it difficult to bring in somebody to take Ripken's place in the lineup. They would never have brought Mike Bordick to play shortstop had there not been an opening for Ripken to move to third. But bringing in a better third baseman is the very "baseball decision" Ripken is talking about. Until then, they ought to write Ripken's name in every game. (The Washington Post)



SCOOP – Brewers 1B Bob Hhamelin handles a tough chance to retire Phillies' Doug Glanville in third-inning action. Glanville attempted to reach first on a bunt that was handled by 3B Jeff Cirillo. Milwaukee won 4-2. (Reuters)

Rockies' blasts cool off Padres

DENVER (AP) – Vinny Castilla, Larry Walker, Ellis Burks and Todd Helton hit solo home runs Monday night as the Colorado Rockies ran their winning streak to a season-high four games with a 9-5 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Tony Gwynn, in the midst of the longest slump of his career, did not start for the Padres. The eight-time NL batting champion pinch-hit in the eighth inning and flied out, making him 0-for-18.

Greg Vaughn had a three-run double for San Diego, making it 4-1 in the third.

Bobby Jones (3-3) overcame wildness problems to get the win, going six innings and allowing five runs and five hits.

San Diego scored in the second when Vaughn walked, Jim Leyritz doubled and Ruben Rivera had an RBI groundout. Colorado countered in the bottom half on Helton's 14th homer, off Sterling Hitchcock (4-3).

Brewers 4, Phillies 2

Marc Newfield homered, doubled and drove in two runs in a rare start as host Milwaukee ended Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

Steve Woodard (6-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6⅓ innings in helping prevent Philadelphia from winning seven straight for the first time since May 1995.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances. Tyler Green (6-5) took the loss.

Pirates 6, Cubs 2

Jon Lieber limited Chicago to one run in 7⅔ innings and host Pittsburgh, apparently responding to a players-only meeting, halted a six-game losing streak.

Tony Womack hit an inside-the-park homer and drove in two runs as the Pirates, losers of eight of nine and 11 of 13, won their first since July 2. They had won only twice in their previous 12 home games.

Reds 6, Cardinals 5 (13)

Eduardo Perez RBI single in the top of the 13th inning gave Cincinnati its eighth straight win, a come-from-behind decision.

Mark McGwire, who homered twice Sunday to increase his major league-leading total to 40, went 0-for-3 with three walks.

McGwire popped out to center with two on and two outs in the ninth and he was intentionally walked with one out and nobody on in the 12th.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said McGwire would not start last night.

Bret Boone opened the 11th with a double off Bobby Witt (0-1) and scored one out later on Perez's single to right.

Gabe White (3-3) pitched three scoreless innings as the Reds won for the 13th time in 14 games.

Ron Gant homered for the third consecutive game for the Cardinals, who had a three-game winning streak snapped.

The Reds scored two runs in the ninth off Jeff Brantley, whom they traded away this winter, to tie the game at 5.

Dodgers 7, Giants 5

Eric Karros and Raul Mondesi homered during a four-run first inning and Gary Sheffield had three hits as Los Angeles Dodgers won at home.

Dave Mlicki (5-4) allowed four runs and eight hits in 6⅔ innings, sending the Giants to their fourth straight loss.

Mlicki is 4-0 in seven starts since coming over in the trade that sent Hideo Nomo to the Mets.

Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 24th save and first since joining the Dodgers.

Marlins 8, Expos 7

First baseman Brad Fullmer's throwing error allowed Edgar Renteria to score in the ninth inning, and Florida extended its winning streak to a season-high four games with a home victory.

Florida won for the sixth time in seven games. The start of the game was delayed 2 hours, 20 minutes because of rain.

Renteria led off the ninth against Anthony Telford (3-3) with his third single and moved to second on Mark Kotsay's sacrifice.

Todd Zeile hit a grounder and Renteria held as third baseman Shane Andrews threw to first for the out. Renteria broke after Andrews' throw, and Fullmer's rushed throw was wide of third and allowed the winning run to score.

Diamondbacks 5, Astros 3

Rookie Danny Klassen atoned for his costly error moments earlier with a go-ahead home run in a heated fifth inning to help Arizona to a home win.

Arizona broke its four-game losing streak and handed Houston its fourth straight loss. Astros manager Larry Dierker was ejected in the fifth after a nose-to-nose argument with umpire Angel Hernandez.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 4, Yanks 1

Jim Thome hit his 24th homer, tripled and scored two runs, and Jaret Wright overpowered New York for the second time in less than a month as host Cleveland ended the Yankees' 10-game winning streak.

Cleveland kept the Yankees from setting a record for baseball's best start this century through 86 games. The Yankees are 65-21, matching the best start in 86 years. The New York Giants were also 65-21 through 86 games in 1912, as were the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1902.

Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez (3-2) lost for the first time in three starts, allowing eight hits and a season-high four runs in 6⅔ innings.

Darryl Strawberry hit his 12th homer for the Yankees, who missed a chance at their first 11-game winning streak since 1985.

Red Sox 2, Devil Rays 0

Steve Avery pitched visiting Boston to its first win since the All-Star break and the Red Sox broke a four-game losing streak by sending Tampa Bay to its 11th straight loss.

The expansion Devil Rays matched the longest losing streak in the majors this season. Cincinnati and Florida also dropped 11 in a row.

White Sox 5, Twins 2

Albert Belle hit two home runs, raising his total to six in his last five games and leading Chicago to a home win.

Belle connected for his 23rd homer leading off the fourth inning. He hit his 24th, another solo shot, in the sixth.

It was Belle's 32nd career multi-homer game and fifth this season. He also hit two home runs July 10 against Kansas City.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 0

Rookie Nerio Rodriguez didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning and Lenny Webster homered and drove in four runs as host Baltimore stretched its winning streak to five.

B.J. Surhoff went 3-for-4 with a homer as Baltimore remained unbeaten since the All-Star break. The Orioles' five-game winning streak is their second-longest of the season behind a seven-game run in early April.

Royals 6, Tigers 4 (10)

Jeff Conine hit a two-run double with two outs in the top of the 10th inning.

Conine's double off Todd Jones (1-4) followed an intentional walk to Jeff King that put runners at first and second. Shane Mack followed with an RBI double to make it 6-3.

Jeff Montgomery balked in a run in the 10th, but got three outs for his 21st save.

Matt Whisenant (1-0) pitched out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the ninth. He struck out Gabe Alvarez and retired pinch-hitter Joe Randa on a grounder.

Mariners 10, Rangers 3

Edgar Martinez homered twice and Ken Griffey Jr. made a spectacular catch with his back to home plate for host Seattle.

The Rangers had three errors and remained a half-game behind first-place Anaheim in the AL West.

After Griffey's RBI single, Martinez hit a three-run homer to cap a four-run first off Todd Van Poppel (1-2). Martinez led off the sixth with a solo homer, his 17th, to make it 9-3.

Griffey, who had an RBI fielder's choice in the fourth when Seattle scored three runs, made a basket catch of Will Clark's towering fly ball while running toward the fence in the fifth and received a standing ovation from 25,170 fans in the Kingdome at the end of the inning.

Athletics 5, Angels 2

Mike Oquist pitched seven strong innings and Kevin Mitchell hit a three-run homer as Oakland notched a home win.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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BATTING–Bichette, Colorado, .345; BJordan, St. Louis, .332; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .331; DeBell, Houston, .331; Olerud, New York, .328; Everett, Houston, .326; Morandini, Chicago, .324.

RUNS–Biggio, Houston, 75; ChJones, Atlanta, 74; McGwire, St. Louis, 74; Bagwell, Houston, 71; Glanville, Philadelphia, 70; Sosa, Chicago, 70; GVaughn, San Diego, 69.

RBI–McGwire, St. Louis, 91; Sosa, Chicago, 85; Castilla, Colorado, 79; Bichette, Colorado, 78; GVaughn, San Diego, 77; Alou, Houston, 75; ChJones, Atlanta, 72; Galarraga, Atlanta, 72.

HITS–Bichette, Colorado, 133; Glanville, Philadelphia, 121; DeBell, Houston, 119; Castilla, Colorado, 113; Sosa, Chicago, 113; Biggio, Houston, 113; MaGrace, Chicago, 112.

HOME RUNS–McGwire, St. Louis, 40; Sosa, Chicago, 35; GVaughn, San Diego, 30; Galarraga, Atlanta, 28; Castilla, Colorado, 27; ChJones, Atlanta, 23; HRodriguez, Chicago, 22.

STOLEN BASES–EcYoung, Los Angeles, 33; Womack, Pittsburgh, 32; Renteria, Florida, 30; Biggio, Houston, 27; Floyd, Florida, 19; DeShields, St. Louis, 18; GVeras, San Diego, 17; Clayton, St. Louis, 17.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)–GMaddux, Atlanta, 12-3, .800, 1.57; KBrown, San Diego, 10-3, .769, 2.62; Glavine, Atlanta, 12-4, .750, 2.85; Millwood, Atlanta, 10-4, .714, 4.28; Rueter, San Francisco, 10-4, .714, 4.13; Ashby, San Diego, 12-5, .706, 2.48; ALeiter, New York, 9-4, .692, 1.86.

STRIKEOUTS–Schilling, Philadelphia, 185; Wood, Chicago, 148; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 135; KBrown, San Diego, 130; GMaddux, Atlanta, 120; Estes, San Francisco, 115; Reynolds, Houston, 106.

SAVES–Hoffman, San Diego, 27; Nen, San Francisco, 25; Beck, Chicago, 24; Shaw, Los Angeles, 24; Urbina, Montreal, 22; BWagner, Houston, 21; MLeiter, Philadelphia, 18; JFranco, New York, 18.

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BATTING–BWilliams, New York, .353; IRodriguez, Texas, .351; HMorris, Kansas City, .339; Stairs, Oakland, .330; Higginson, Detroit, .328; Thome, Cleveland, .326; MVaughn, Boston, .326.

RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 80; Thome, Cleveland, 71; Durham, Chicago, 69; ARodriguez, Seattle, 68; Grieve, Oakland, 67; Edmonds, Anaheim, 65; JnValentin, Boston, 65.

RBI–JuGonzalez, Texas, 101; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 84; Belle, Chicago, 79; MRamirez, Cleveland, 77; ARodriguez, Seattle, 74; Thome, Cleveland, 74; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 72.

HITS–Erstad, Anaheim, 123; ARodriguez, Seattle, 121; IRodriguez, Texas, 115; Higginson, Detroit, 113; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 110; Grieve, Oakland, 108; JuGonzalez, Texas, 108; O'Neill, New York, 108.

HOME RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 27; JuGonzalez, Texas, 28; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 26; Thome, Cleveland, 24; Belle, Chicago, 24; Canseco, Toronto, 24.

STOLEN BASES–Henderson, Oakland, 37; Stewart, Toronto, 29; Lofton, Cleveland, 28; TGoodwin, Texas, 26; ARodriguez, Seattle, 24; BLHunter, Detroit, 24; Knoblauch, New York, 22; Canseco, Toronto, 22.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)–Cone, New York, 13-2, .867, 3.77; DWells, New York, 11-2, .846, 3.67; PMartinez, Boston, 11-3, .786, 2.90; Helling, Texas, 12-4, .750, 4.12; WWilliams, Toronto, 8-3, .727, 3.58; Rogers, Oakland, 8-3, .727, 3.05; Wakefield, Boston, 10-4, .714, 4.21.

STRIKEOUTS–RJohnson, Seattle, 185; PMartinez, Boston, 147; CFinley, Anaheim, 141; Clemens, Toronto, 130; Erickson, Baltimore, 116; Cone, New York, 111; Sele, Texas, 108.

SAVES–Percival, Anaheim, 26; Gordon, Boston, 26; Wetteland, Texas, 25; MRivera, New York, 24; RaMyers, Toronto, 23; JMontgomery, Kansas City, 21; Taylor, Oakland, 20; MJackson, Cleveland, 20.

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Toronto	000 000 000–0	3	1	
Baltimore	000 202 01x–5	8	1	

Guzman and Fletcher; N.Rodriguez, P.Smith (7), A.Benitez (8), Orosco (9) and Webster. W–N.Rodriguez 1-2. L–Guzman 4-11. HRs–Baltimore, Surhoff (13), Webster (6).

New York	000 100 000–1	8	1	
Cleveland	000 201 10x–4	10	0	

C. Hernandez, Lloyd (7), Holmes (8) and Posada; Jr.Wright, Assenmacher (6), M.Jackson (7) and S.Alomar. W–Jr.Wright, 9-5. L–CJ.Hernandez, 3-2. Sv–M.Jackson (20). HRs–New York, Strawberry (12). Cleveland, Lofton (6), Thome (24).

Boston	000 010 010–2	10	1	
Tampa Bay	000 000 000–0	7	0	

Avery, Lowe (6), Mahay (8), Gordon (8) and Hatteberg; Sanlana, White (6), Aldred (9), Yan (9) and Flaherty. W–Avery 6-2. L–Sanlana 2-2. Sv–Gordon (25).

Kansas City	001 002 000	3	6	2
Detroit	000 102 000	1	4	1

(10 innings)

Pichardo, Haney (6), Bones (7), Whisenant (9), J.Montgomery (10) and Fasano; F.Castillo, Runyan (7), Brocail (8), To.Jones (9) and Bako. J.Oliver (10). W–Whisenant, 1-0. L–To.Jones, 1-4. Sv–J.Montgomery (21).

Minnesota	000 020 000–2	10	1	
Chicago	003 101 00x–5	7	0	

Serafini, Carrasco (6) and Steinbach; Snyder, Simas (8) and O'Brien. W–Snyder, 2-0. L–Serafini, 3-2. Sv–Simas (6). HRs–Chicago, Belle 2 (24).

Anaheim	020 000 000–2	8	0	
Oakland	000 131 00x–5	10	1	

Washburn, Watson (7) and Walbeck; Oquist, Mohler (8), Fetters (8), Taylor (9) and Hinch. W–Oquist, 6-5. L–Washburn, 4-2. Sv–Taylor (20). HR–Oakland, Mitchell (2).

Texas	021 000 000–3	9	3	
Seattle	400 312 00x–10	15	1	

Van Poppel, Bailes (4), Crabtree (4), Gunderson (5) and T.Rodriguez; Cloude, Ayala (9) and D.Wilson. W–Cloude, 5-7. L–Van Poppel, 1-2. HRs–Seattle, E.Martinez 2 (17).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	001 000 001–2	8	1	
Pittsburgh	001 001 40x–6	10	0	

Je.Gonzalez, Fossas (7), T.Adams (7), Wengert (8) and Houston; Lieber, Christiansen (8) and Kendall. W–Lieber, 6-10. L–Je.Gonzalez, 7-6. HRs–Chicago, Morandini (6). Pittsburgh, Womack (2).

Philadelphia	100 000 100–2	8	2	
Milwaukee	301 000 00x–4	5	1	

T.Green, Botallico (7), Y.Perez (8) and Lieberthal; Woodard, A.Reyes (7), M.Myers (8), Wickman (9) and Matheny. W–Woodard 6-5. L–T.Green 6-5. Sv–Wickman (13). HRs–Philadelphia, Rolen (18). Milwaukee, Newfield (2).

San Diego	013 001 000–5	8	1	
Colorado	011 103 12x–9	11	1	

Hitchcock, Wall (6), R.Ramirez (8), Boehringer (8) and C.Hernandez; B.M.Jones, Leskanic (7), Veres (8), Dipoto (9) and Manwaring, J.Reed (7). W–B.M.Jones, 3-3. L–Hitchcock, 4-3. HRs–Colorado, Burks (15), L.Walker (10), Castilla (27), Helton (14).

Cincinnati	000 200 012 000	1	6	1
St. Louis	410 000 000 000	5	9	3

(13 innings)

Winchester, Sullivan (7), Graves (9), Krivda (9), Hudek (9), G.White (11) and Taubensee; Bottenfield, Petkovsek (7), Painter (9), Frascatore (8), Brantley (9), Witt (11) and Marrero. W–G.White 3-3. L–Witt 0-1. HRs–St. Louis, Clayton (3), Gant (15).

Montreal	010 013 011–7	13	3	
Florida	302 200 001–8	11	1	

Boskie, Bennett (5), M.Batista (7), Kline (7), Telford (8) and Widger; Ludwick, Darensbourg (6), Mantei (7), Edmondson (8), Alfonseca (9) and Zaun. W–Alfonseca, 2-2. L–Telford, 3-3. HRs–Montreal, V.Guerrero (17), Fullmer (7). Florida, Kotsay (6).

San Francisco	000 301 010–5	9	1	
Los Angeles	401 011 00x–7	12	1	

Darwin, Johnstone (6) and B.Johnson, Mayne (6); Mlicki, Radinsky (7), Shaw (9) and C.Johnson. W–Mlicki, 5-4. L–Darwin, 6-6. Sv–Shaw (24). HRs–San Francisco, J.Kent (8), Javier (2). Los Angeles, Mondesi (20), Karros (10).

Houston	000 030 000–3	5	0	
Arizona	000 320 00x–5	7	3	

Schourek, Magnante (7) and Ausmus; Telemaco, Chouinard (6), Olson (6) and Miller, Stennett (6). W–Telemaco, 3-3. L–Schourek, 5-6. Sv–Olson (12). HR–Arizona, Klassen (2).

American League

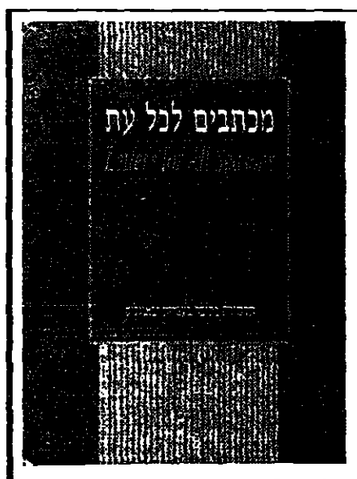
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	65	21	.756	—
Boston	53	37	.589	14
Toronto	47	46	.505	21½
Baltimore	43	50	.462	25½
Tampa Bay	34	57	.374	33½
Central Division				
Cleveland	53	37	.589	—
Minnesota	42	49	.462	11½
Kansas City	41	50	.451	12½
Chicago	38	53	.418	15½
Detroit	37	52	.416	15½
West Division				
Anaheim	51	40	.560	—
Texas	51	41	.554	½
Oakland	43	48	.473	8
Seattle	40	53	.430	12

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	60	32	.652	—
New York	46	41	.529	13½
Philadelphia	46	43	.517	14½
Montreal	36	55	.396	25½
Florida	36	56	.391	26
Central Division				
Houston	54	38	.587	—
Chicago	50	42	.543	4
Milwaukee	46	44	.511	7
St. Louis	43	48	.473	10½
Cincinnati	43	50	.462	11½
Pittsburgh	41	51	.446	13
West Division				
San Diego	59	34	.634	—
San Francisco	52	41	.559	7
Los Angeles	46	46	.500	12½
Colorado	41	52	.441	18
Arizona	31	61	.337	27½



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CRITICS' CHOICE



William Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet performs in Tel Aviv.

JERUSALEM FILM FESTIVAL

ADINA HOFFMAN

English feminist filmmaker Sally (*Orlando*) Potter directs and stars in *The Tango Lesson*, about a film director named Sally Potter who wants to learn the tango. She enlists as a teacher a lithe Argentinian and the two embark on a tricky relationship both on and off the dance floor. Although the movie occasionally flirts with pretension and does drag on a bit too long, it also has a powerfully seductive edge – and the dancing itself is worth a look. (5 p.m., Cinematheque 2)

The French documentary *The Magic of Melies*, by director Jacques Meny, is no great filmic shakes, but it provides a fine introduction to the wonders of George Melies, one of the early cinema's most important–and inspired–directors. The movies features numerous clips from Melies's work, as well as a detailed technical analysis of some of his zanier special effects. (10:30 p.m., Cinematheque 2)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Sebastian Weigle leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, IBA in a season finale subscribers bonus concert tonight, at 8:30 p.m., at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. The program includes Brahms's first symphony and Beethoven's Egmont overture. American violinist Nora Chastain plays Daniel Schnyder's violin concerto.

Renowned soprano Diane Soviero gives a master class tonight at 7 p.m. at the Israel Music Conservatory as part of the exciting summer program of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

William Forsythe's marvelous Frankfurt Ballet, after chickening out in February because of the Iraqi threat, are finally here with *Of Any If And, Hypothetical Stream 2* and *Firstext*. Tonight and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 8:30 p.m.

TELEVISION

HELEN KAYE

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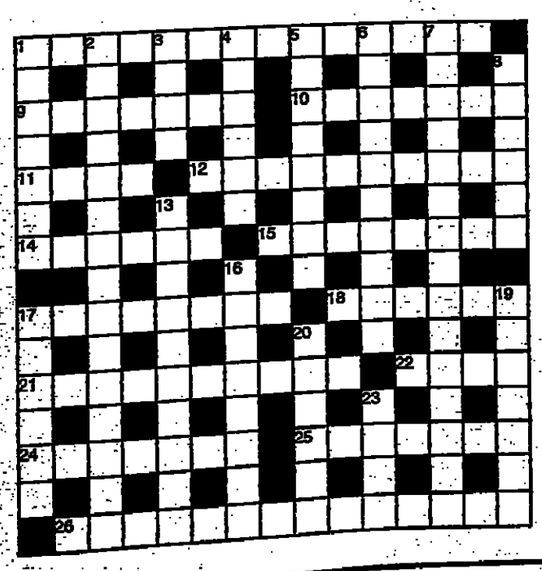
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 They are bound to belong to the same union (7,3,4)
9 It's to do with the marriage altar I'm decorating (7)
10 Manage reporting wrongdoing first despite having a fainting fit (7)
11 Hurry with big end or crossbar (4)
12 Cheese that's pale, richly mixed (10)
14 Grasp Leonard, head of chapter, in church (6)
15 Awful fuss Bill made despite being perfectly happy (8)
17 Catch one's zip perhaps (8)
18 Fellows more than half agree that it's mad (6)
21 A time, a time in prison in one continuous period (2,1,7)
22 Many a bone found in bed (4)
24 Issued instructions for concise edition (7)
25 Idea produced all the same by model (7)
26 Fire or vote for wealthy consumer (8,6)

DOWN

1 Epic crime perpetrated by Head Office first (7)
2 Jumpy dog? (8-7)
3 Before the stake (4)
4 Old Penny gave everybody a shilling in an American city! (6)
5 Pair blown under the bridge (8)
6 Gain by one city or another (10)
7 The way we read of a Conservative gain (4,4,2,5)
8 Jack Kelly could have the good side (6)
13 Accurate but inartistic presumably (10)
16 One back in the team? (8)
17 Fat alongside hanging loosely (6)
19 Throws three times to get the shellfish (7)
20 One little creature endlessly vinegary (6)
23 It will be a sign for the future when Georgia leaves the wine-shop (4)



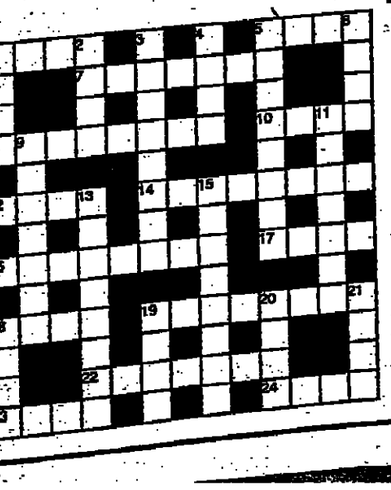
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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Press, 4 Sedge, 10 Radiate, 11 Gorse, 12 Verdi, 13 Careful, 15 Deep, 17 Wager, 19 Ended, 22 Side, 25 Written, 27 Above, 29 Fable, 30 Elegant, 31 Petty, 32 Utter.

DOWN: 2 Rider, 3 Seaside, 5 Eager, 6 Giraffe, 7 Brave, 8 Fence, 9 Realm, 14 Aped, 16 Erse, 18 Amiable, 20 Nearest, 21 Swift, 23 Inter, 24 Jetty, 26 Theft, 28 Ovate.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Informal greeting (4)
5 Chinese dog (4)
7 Warlike (7)
8 Voracious (8)
10 Amphibian (4)
12 Rabbit's tail (4)
14 Cut short (8)
16 Accept as true (8)
17 Appear dimly (4)
18 Extremely (4)
19 Shyness (8)
22 Item of menswear (7)
23 Small branch (4)
24 Satellite (4)

DOWN

1 Conversation (4)
2 Leave out (4)
3 Benefited (8)
4 Tablet (4)
5 Hospital-like (8)
6 Cried (4)
9 Reuse (7)
11 Not having (7)
13 Loitering (8)
15 Final (8)
18 Huge (4)
19 Fold under (4)
20 Consider (4)
21 Rope (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Vacation TV
8:45 Hobberdy Dick
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Deepwater Haven
11:00 Time Exposures
11:25 Hot Science
11:50 Platius
12:00 Vacation TV
14:30 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
15:15 Spaceship Earth

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap – Country Vacation
16:05 Lassie
16:30 Zap – Festival at Chevrolet
16:45 Zap – seaside vacation
16:59 New Evening
17:35 Zap Free
17:50 USA High – new series
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Where Are We Going?
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Moment in Life
19:35 Cosby – Enter, Lucas
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:35 Conference Call
22:00 Via India
23:00 Up to 30
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 The Third Time
9:55 World's Greatest Athlete
11:35 Empty Nest
12:00 Amazing Stories
12:30 Mega Movie Magic
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Raffi Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 Lingo
18:32 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
20:00 News
20:30 Bravo
21:45 Tel Aviv Mix
23:15 The X Files
00:00 News
00:05 The X Files - cont.
00:20 M*A*S*H
00:50 1997 Arad Festival
1:25 The Red Sea Jazz Festival
2:20 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) - (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Mr. Bogus
15:30 Oliver Twist
16:00 Musical Magazine
17:00 Oshoa
18:00 Acapulco Bay
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Police Academy
20:00 Our Special Reporter
21:00 Local Magazine
21:15 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Gerbert
17:23 Creation Station
17:45 Mort & Phil
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Stockard Channing
20:25 Newhart
20:50 Movie: Jaws
22:40 The Charm of Cinema
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:45 Amores
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Talekessel
20:00 News Room
20:30 Medicine
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:15 Hollywood Sex

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Bolgie's Diner
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Color Garden
17:20 Children's Stories in Arabic
17:30 Dear Brother
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 Cooking with Caprie!
19:00 Simply Style
19:30 Mind Your Language
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Tastes
21:00 Airport – documentary series made by the BBC about the construction of Kensal Airport in Japan, on an artificial island built specifically for the airport in Osaka Bay
22:00 Star Trek - Deep Space 9
22:45 Assignment Adventure

CABLE

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 El:TV: Celebrities Cook
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 The John Larroquette Show
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 The Other Half (rpt)
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210 (rpt)
20:25 Players
21:10 Profiler
22:00 Suddenly Susan (rpt)
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Mi Casa, Tu Casa, Nuestra (Argentina, 1996) – melodrama about the relationship between a cranky old man and his younger son
12:40 Seeing Stars: with Denzel Washington
13:10 The Boy with Green Hair (1948) – social commentary by Joseph Losey. A war orphan becomes an outcast when his hair changes color. With Dean Stockwell and Pat O'Brien
14:25 Leslie's Folly (1994) – short film about a woman who has an extramarital affair and becomes pregnant. With Anne Archer
15:05 All She Ever Wanted (1996) – a mentally ill young woman is determined to have a baby despite the objections of her doctor, family and friends. With Marcia Cross and C.C. Pounder
16:40 The Killing Secret (1997) – a rich playboy has a secret affair with a working-class girl and kills her when she becomes pregnant. His fiancée then investigates. With Tess Harper
18:15 The Lies He Told (1996) – a young wife suspects that her husband's "secret missions" are not what he says they are. With Gary Cole
19:45 Renegade
20:25 Confessions of a Sorority Girl (1993) – a young woman joins a prestigious college sorority only to abuse younger girls. With Jamie Luner and Alyssa Milano
22:00 T-Force (1994) – action thriller about a robotic anti-crime force that gets out of hand and is grounded. The robots rebel and a policeman is sent after them. With Jack Scalia and Erin Gray
23:40 The Wrong Woman (1995) – a young woman is suspected of murdering her boss when he is found dead after spending the night with her. While trying to prove her innocence she uncovers a web of lies and deceit. With Nancy McCowen and Chelsie Field
1:15 Blood Warriors (1993) – a former marine learns that his friend is now leading a mercenary army in evil deeds. With David Bradley
2:50 Full Body Massage (1995, 89 mins.) – a rich and lonely gallery owner hires a masseur and develops a special relationship with him. With Mimi Rogers and Bryan Brown

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Barney
8:30 Arthur
9:00 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:05 Batman and Robin
10:40 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-air Balloon
11:15 Viewers' choice
11:50 Animaniacs
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:35 The Secret World of Alex
13:00 Bobby's World
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Batman and Robin
16:10 Twins of Destiny
16:35 Hot-air Balloon
16:45 Viewers' Choice
17:30 Sweet Valley High
17:45 Hot-air Balloon
18:00 The Secret World of Alex (rpt)
18:35 Arthur
19:05 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Great Santini (1980) – character study of a career marine officer and his difficult relationship with his family. With Robert Duvall, Blyth Danner and Michael O'Keefe
23:55 I Hired a Contract Killer (French, 1990, 78 mins.) – black comedy by the Finnish director Aki Kaurasmaki. A French immigrant in London is fired from his clerk job and takes out a contract on himself after failing to commit suicide. With Jean-Pierre Leo

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Moment in Life Cosby		Beverly Hills 90210	Renegade	Family Matters Married with Children Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Wildlife Adventures
20:00	News Talk of the Day Are you Being Served News	News	Players	Confessions of a Sorority Girl	Beverly Hills 90210	Emilia Earhart Mysteries, Magic & Miracles Sacred Rites and Rituals
21:00	Conference Call Via India	Tav Aviv Mix	Profiler Suddenly Susan Seinfeld	T-Force	The Great Santini	Shooting Days
22:00	Up to 30		Ricki Lake			

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 A Healthy Body (rpt)
8:30 Vets' School (rpt)
9:00 Web of Life (rpt)
10:00 Patience – Gilbert and Sullivan light opera dealing with 19th-century esthetics
12:10 Sarabande – modern dance to music by Back
12:35 Endangered Species (rpt)
13:00 Wildlife Adventures (rpt)
13:50 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (rpt)
14:10 The Power of Kabbala (rpt)
14:55 Gan Naul (rpt)
16:00 Wild Horizons: Moving Giants (rpt)
16:30 Travel Magazine (rpt)
17:00 Open University: Strangers Abroad
17:50 Open University: The Mechanical Universe
18:20 Open University: Nutrition Pathways
19:05 Endangered Species, part 11
19:35 Wildlife Adventures, part 11: Arctic Adventure
20:25 Emilia Earhart
20:35 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
21:05 Sacred Rites and Rituals – an examination of rituals throughout history and in different cultures
22:00 Shooting Days
23:15 Travel Magazine: Athens, Portugal
23:40 Open University: War Series
00:40 Open University: Government by Consent
1:10 Open University: Peace Keepers

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Swiftly Seasoned
6:30 Porridge
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the Professor
11:00 Porridge
11:30 Swiftly Seasoned
12:00 Saber Rider and the Star Sheriffs
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Bay Watch Nights
16:00 The Knock
17:00 NYPD Blue
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Bay Watch Nights
21:00 The Knock
22:00 NYPD Blue
23:00 To Serve Them All My Days
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 The Incredible Hulk
2:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
3:00 Hawaiian Cooks
3:30 Aerobics Oz Style
4:00 Nanny and the Professor
4:30 Small Wonder
5:00 Batman
5:30 The Wonder Years

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 World Business Report
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Earth Report: Kids Number (rpt)
11:30 Reporters (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 How Buildings Learn (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Sea Trek: Galapagos Islands
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 Future Fantastic: Under a Purple Sky (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Question Time India (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Decisive Weapons: T-34 Queen of Tanks – wars have always hinged on weapons technology. Sean Bean narrates a new documentary series examining key weapons and how they have changed the face of war
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Extreme Machines, part 5
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Reporters (rpt)
3:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
4:30 Asia Today
4:45 World News and Business Report
5:30 Asia Today

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 News and Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:15 Asian Edition
3:30 Q&A (rpt)

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:00 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Candid Camera
17:00 Horse Racing – Kentucky Derby
18:00 Speedo Water Polo League
19:00 Xtreme Sports
19:30 Survivors
20:00 Candid Camera
20:30 Motor Sports
21:00 Thai Boxing
21:30 MLS
23:00 Game by Order

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Olympic Games (rpt)
10:00 Sports Car
11:00 Cycling
13:00 Tennis
13:30 Sailing
14:00 Motocross
14:30 Mountain Bike
15:00 Cycling
16:00 Live Cycling – Tour de France
18:15 Motorsports
20:20 Live Soccer – IFK Goteburg vs Borussia Dortmund
22:30 Live Funboard
00:00 Cycling
2:00 Motorsports

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Gershwin: Selected piano pieces (Brownridge)
7:07 Rachmaninoff: Arrangements of pieces by Mendelssohn, Kreisler, Schubert, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky (Rachmaninoff); Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto no 2 (Janis / Minneapolis SO / Dorati)
8:05 Josef Hassid, violin, plays pieces by Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Massenet, Elgar, Sarasate and Achron; Berio: Folk Songs (Castellani / Contemporartensemble / Ceccanti)
9:05 Dvorak: String Quartet no 6 op 96 "American" (Italian); Weber: Clarinet Concerto no 2 op 74 (Peyer / London SO / Davis); Mozart: Piano Concerto no 21 K467 (Fisher / Philharmonia / Sawallisch); Schubert: Symphony no 3 (Vienna PO / Kleiber); Copland: Symphony no 3 (New York PO / Bernstein); C.Schumann: Piano Trio op 17 (Beaux Arts)
12:00 Light Classical - film music
13:00 Artist of the Week - Jessye Norman, soprano. Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde
14:06 Keys
16:00 MacDowell: Virtuoso Etudes for Piano (Frager); Bernstein: Symphony no 1 "Jeremiah" (Ludwig / IPO / Bernstein); Goldenthal: Fire Water Paper: A Vietnam Oratorio (Ma / Mangolias / Madalena / Pacific Choir / Westminster Children's Choir / Pacific SO / St Clair)
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20:30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sebastian Vagla with Nora Chaston, violin. Beethoven: Egmont overture; Michael Schneider: Violin Concerto; Brahms: Symphony no 1
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El Guerrouj smashes 1,500m mark

ROME (AP) – Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj slashed more than a second off the world record for the 1,500 meters yesterday, clocking three minutes, 26.00 seconds at the Golden Gala meet here.

El Guerrouj, world champion at the distance, was within sight of the old mark throughout the race on a cool Rome night and coasted across the finish line alone. He erased Noureddine Morceli's standard of 3:27.37, established in July 1995.

The Moroccan dropped to his knees and kissed the track, before the other competitors in the race piled on top of him in celebration.



Tour returns to home soil

German cyclist Jens Heppner prevented World Cup winners France from celebrating another win on Bastille Day when he surged to victory in the final stretch of yesterday's third stage of the Tour de France. Heppner pipped Frenchman Xavier Jan to win the 167-km stage to Lorient in Brittany, the first in France following three days in Ireland, in a time of three hours 33 minutes and 36 seconds. The veteran German's win was some consolation for the Telekom team whose overnight race leader Erik Zabel lost his yellow jersey to Denmark's Bo Hamburger.

(Reuters)

Commercial pressures threaten to crush Ronaldo

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

LONDON (Reuters) – Crushing commercial pressures may prevent Ronaldo fulfilling his potential as the heir-apparent to fellow Brazilian Pele, the greatest footballer of his generation.

Pele scored 12 goals in the 1958 World Cup as a precocious 17-year-old. He featured in three more Cups and after retiring from international soccer in 1971 went on to play in the North American Soccer League for three seasons.

Still the best-known name in the world's most popular sport, Pele has repeatedly stressed the need for sportsmen to take care of their bodies.

His longevity is a tribute to the care he took of himself but also reflects an era when the playing demands were less onerous.

Although only 21, Ronaldo is the world player of the year and was expected to dominate the 1998 World Cup.

Suffering throughout the tournament from a knee injury after a strenuous season with Inter Milan culminating in victory in the UEFA Cup final, Ronaldo showed intermittent flashes of brilliance as Brazil progressed to Sunday's final against France.

Brazilian supporters, supported by most neutrals, remained supremely confident that both Ronaldo and their team would peak on the big day.

But instead Ronaldo's life began to fall apart shortly before the final major sporting occasion of the 20th century.

Ronaldo later told the Brazilian television station Globo he had suffered a convulsive fit only hours before the match.

"I don't remember properly but I went to sleep and then, like the doctor said, it seems I had a fit for 30 or 40 seconds," he said.

"I woke up then and my whole body was in pain. But with time the pain got less and I relaxed a bit." Ronaldo was taken to hospital for tests and cleared to play.

"I could have chickened out but after the problem I decided to play and I went out there to help the team," he said.

The first signs in the stadium that anything was amiss came when a team sheet was issued without Ronaldo's name.

A revised sheet included the striker but it was clear that all was not as it should be in the Brazilian camp when the team failed to appear for the pre-match warmup.

Ronaldo's listless display mirrored that of his team and the post-mortems had begun among the Brazilian supporters before the final whistle had blown.

"I didn't want to find any excuses for the defeat," Ronaldo said. "They played well. The two goals from corners were clearly our mistakes but they played better than us."

While France celebrated, Brazil mourned and the conspiracy theorists went into overdrive.

Shoe firm Nike, who sponsor the Brazilian team and had launched an advertising campaign based on Ronaldo, denied they had put pressure on Brazil to play an obviously unfit player.

There were unsubstantiated stories of a fracas in the dressing room before the match and further unconfirmed reports that Brazilian Football Federation Ricardo Texeira had insisted Ronaldo should play.

At the heart of the storm Ronaldo will now almost certainly need yet another knee operation, which will hardly please Inter who paid a small fortune to prise him away from Barcelona.

Unlike Pele, who played 17 years for his club Santos, Ronaldo performs weekly in arguably the world's toughest league and will be the target for foreign defenders in the European Cup.

Further reports, denied by Brazil, said Ronaldo was given pain-killing injections before each World Cup match, raising unhappy parallels with the flawed Diego Maradona.

Maradona's world began to unravel when he required a constant diet of painkillers after being mercilessly hacked down by defenders desperate to stop him at any cost.

Fit, partially fit or patently unfit, Ronaldo is under constant pressure to play and justify the investments of country, club and sponsors.

Injury restricted Pele to two games and one goal in each of the 1962 and 1966 World Cups but he was still able to crown his career with the 1970 champions, possibly the finest international XI ever to take the field.

Ronaldo should have another chance on another continent in four years to do himself justice on a World Cup stage.

Already, though, the pressures of modern day football threaten to literally cripple him and in the afterglow of a memorable tournament his career is at the crossroads.



UNFULFILLED POTENTIAL – Ronaldo clasps his head after losing 3-0 to France in the World Cup final on Sunday. (Reuters)

Cullinan double ton wrecks Durham

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Reuters) – Daryll Cullinan crushed a hopelessly outclassed Durham bowling attack with a ferocious double century as South Africa cruised to 362 for three wickets declared on the opening day of their three day game yesterday.

Having reached his first 50 runs from a circumspect 122 balls, the 31-year-old right hander accelerated so that his fourth 50 arrived from a mere 24 deliveries as he reached 200 from 274 balls with 37 fours. His innings lasted just five hours and 38 minutes.

It continued his excellent recent form that produced an unbeaten 117 from 93 balls against Ireland two days ago and followed consecutive first class innings of 75 not out and 75.

Opener Gerhardus Liebenberg shared a third wicket stand of 232 with Cullinan after being forced temporarily to retire for X-rays in the fifth over of the innings when impressive paceman Melvyn Betts trapped his right index finger against the bat handle with a quick bouncer.

Liebenberg, out of action with a swollen thumb for 10 days before this game, provided the tourists' management with plenty to worry about.

Adam Bacher, the other specialist opener, has not played for three weeks after sustaining a hairline fracture in the clavicle of his right shoulder during the second Test.

But when captain Hansie Cronje was well caught in the gully, again off Betts for 33, Liebenberg returned to the middle and survived several uncomfortable moments early on to compile 85 from 182 balls with 10 boundaries.

Small consolation for the shell-shocked home side came when openers Johnathan Lewis (three not out) and Michael Gough (six not out) were able to survive the final seven overs of the day as Durham reached 10 without loss by the close.

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Brazilians arrive home to muted reception

BRASILIA (Reuters) – Brazil's soccer team arrived home to a muted reception yesterday as the nation tried to come to terms with their 3-0 defeat by France in the World Cup final.

A plane carrying the team touched down shortly after dawn in the capital Brasilia. A red carpet was rolled out and a government minister shook hands with the players, including striker Ronaldo who appeared to be limping as he walked across the tarmac.

Four years ago, the scene was very different. Then, Romario, the star of Brazil's successful World Cup campaign, appeared at the cockpit window waving a Brazilian flag.

With this year's World Cup trophy missing from the baggage, organizers dropped a plan to parade the players through Brasilia atop a fire engine – the traditional welcome home for victorious Brazilian sportsmen – and booked a coach instead.

The players and training staff were due to meet President Fernando Henrique Cardoso in the presidential palace before flying on to Rio de Janeiro.

Outside the palace, crowds dressed in the national colors of yellow and green cheered as a military band struck up a cheerful tune. But fans said the mood was somber compared with 1994.

"Four years ago you couldn't move here," said Rita Oliveira Farias, 50, wrapped in a scarf against the early morning cold.

"A lot of Brazilians think that winning is everything and now they feel betrayed. But we got to the final. We tried."

The hottest topic of discussion remained star striker Ronaldo, who suffered a convulsive fit just hours before Sunday's match, and whether manager Mario Zagallo was right to include him in the team.

"Our manager left a lot to be desired," Oliveira said.

"Ronaldo nearly died and he still put him on the field. I blame the manager for what happened on Sunday."

The Brazilian media were just as unforgiving. Newspapers printed interviews with doctors and psychiatrists condemning the decision to play Ronaldo.

"Zagallo and (team doctor Lidio) Toledo committed the most heinous, howling and unjustifiable mistake of their lives," said the *Correio Braziliense* daily in a front page editorial.

O Globo reported Zagallo would be sacked and replaced by Wanderlei Luxemburgo, currently manager of top club side Corinthians.

Newcombe opposed to Davis Cup rule changes

SYDNEY (Reuters) – John Newcombe has criticized the International Tennis Federation (ITF) over its decision to dispense with the advantage rule in Davis Cup and Fed Cup matches.

Newcombe, Australia's Davis Cup captain, said the new rule, which decrees that once deuce is reached the next point will decide the game, did not have the support of players and coaches.

"The ITF met Davis Cup captains of the top 16 nations at Wimbledon where the subject of the no-ad rule was raised and they were all unanimous that they didn't want anything to do with it," Newcombe said.

The ITF said after its annual meeting in Ireland last week that it planned to experiment with the rule change over two years starting in 1999.

The rule is designed to shorten matches and make the game more attractive for television.

The change will be tried out in lower divisions of the Davis Cup and the Fed Cup.

A decision on whether it will be introduced to all levels of tennis will be made after the two-year trial.

Newcombe, a former Wimbledon, US and Australian Open champion, said the plan would rob the sport of one of its prime attractions.

"The no-ad rule was tried in college tennis in the States and it made the tennis very mundane and not that much quicker," Newcombe said.

"It takes away one of the great things about the scoring system. If you can get into a long deuce game you have a situation where you can wear your opponent down."

Virtual reality broadcasters threatened with ban from MCG

SYDNEY (Reuters) – Television companies who use digital technology to superimpose studio-generated advertising on live broadcasts have been threatened with a ban from the historic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

In return, broadcasters and sports organizations have warned they may take their business elsewhere and leave the ground empty.

The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC), the ground's custodians, claims its on-ground advertisers would be disadvantaged by the use of technology allowing broadcasters to superimpose the logo for one product with that of another or simply create "virtual ads" anywhere in the stadium.

"If we can't guarantee sponsors and our preferred telecasters access to the MCG, then the financial fabric of sport is under real threat," said Australian Football League chief executive Wayne Jackson.

"The fuss is about who's got what rights, that's it," retorted MCC secretary John Lill. "We have the right to decide who enters the ground and who does not enter the ground."

The AFL uses the MCG to stage competition matches and its hugely popular grand final each year but says it may consider moving matches if a solution could not be reached.

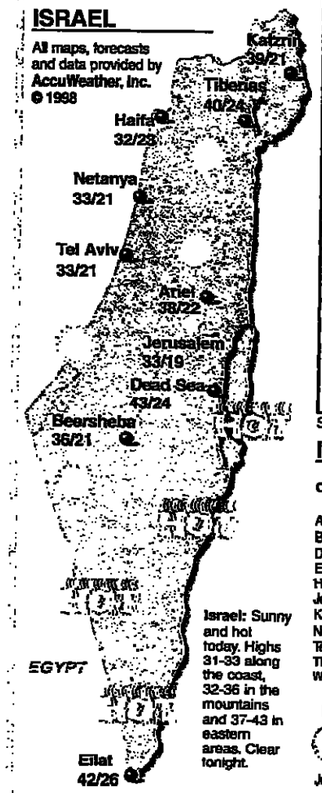
The dispute was sparked when the MCC threatened to ban Australia's Channel Seven from broadcasting Saturday's rugby union international between Australia and New Zealand, watched by 75,000 fans at the MCG.

Channel Seven's broadcast went ahead after talks in the hours leading up to the match, but a New Zealand cable channel was locked out of the ground and forced to pick up a video feed from Seven, prompting a warning that it could sue the MCC for up to $15 million in damages.

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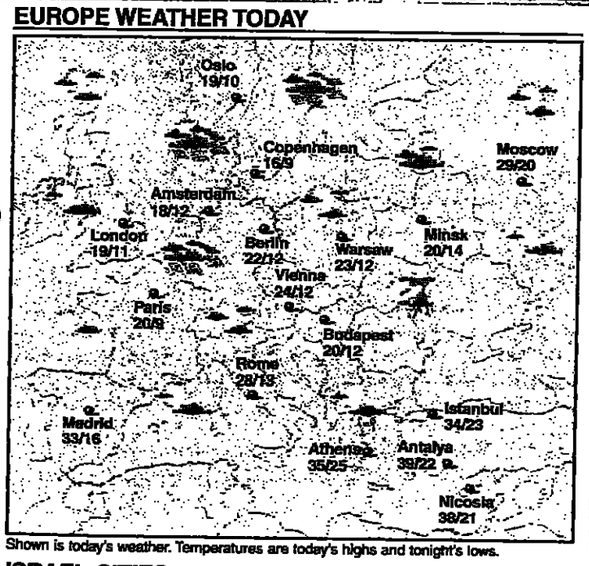
ISRAEL



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Israel: Sunny and hot today. Highs 31-33 along the coast, 32-36 in the mountains and 37-43 in eastern areas. Clear tonight.

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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Ariel	39/100	22/71/s	39/102	22/71/s	37/98	23/73/pc	37/98	23/73/pc
Beersheba	36/97	21/70/s	37/98	21/70/s	37/98	23/73/pc	38/100	23/73/pc
Dead Sea	43/109	24/75/s	44/111	25/77/s	42/107	27/80/pc	42/107	26/79/pc
Eilat	42/107	28/79/s	43/109	27/80/s	42/107	26/79/pc	41/105	26/79/pc
Haifa	32/89	23/73/s	32/89	23/73/s	33/91	24/75/pc	33/91	24/75/pc
Jerusalem	33/91	19/66/s	33/91	19/66/s	33/91	20/68/pc	34/93	20/68/pc
Katzrin	39/102	21/70/s	40/104	22/71/s	40/104	21/70/pc	39/102	22/71/pc
Netanya	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	22/71/pc	34/93	23/73/pc
Tel Aviv	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	22/71/pc	34/93	23/73/pc
Tiberias	40/104	24/75/s	41/105	24/75/s	40/104	26/78/po	40/104	26/79/pc

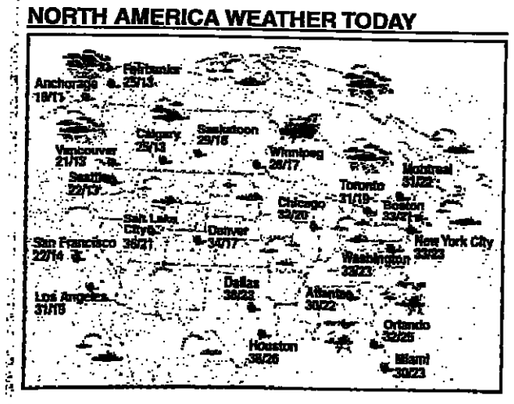
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

Last July 16 | New July 23 | First July 31 | Full Aug 8

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	18/64	12/53/r	18/64	12/53/r	20/68	14/57/pc
Beijing	35/95	26/79/pc	33/91	24/75/c	33/91	25/77/c
Berlin	22/71	12/53/sh	21/70	12/53/pc	21/70	14/57/pc
Brussels	17/62	11/52/r	17/62	13/55/sh	22/71	14/57/pc
Cairo	38/100	22/71/s	38/100	22/71/s	37/98	23/73/s
Chicago	32/89	20/68/pc	32/89	19/66/pc	31/88	20/68/pc
Frankfurt	21/70	11/52/pc	21/70	11/52/pc	21/70	13/55/pc
Hong Kong	32/89	27/80/pc	32/89	27/80/pc	32/89	27/80/pc
Johannesburg	21/70	4/39/s	22/71	4/39/s	21/70	4/39/pc
London	19/66	11/52/c	17/62	13/55/r	23/73	14/57/pc
Los Angeles	31/88	19/66/s	32/89	21/70/pc	33/91	21/70/pc
Madrid	33/91	16/61/s	38/100	18/64/s	37/98	19/66/sh
Mexico City	25/79	16/61/sh	22/71	14/57/c	26/79	14/57/s
Montreal	31/88	22/71/pc	31/88	19/66/pc	29/84	20/68/sh
Moscow	29/84	20/68/s	33/91	21/70/pc	30/86	19/66/r
New York	33/91	23/73/pc	33/91	23/73/pc	32/89	23/73/pc
Paris	20/68	9/48/pc	18/64	13/55/sh	23/73	13/55/pc
Prague	21/70	9/48/pc	19/66	10/50/r	21/70	12/53/pc
Rio de Janeiro	24/75	17/62/pc	23/73	19/66/pc	26/79	19/66/pc
Rome	28/82	13/55/s	26/79	16/61/s	28/82	17/62/pc
Sydney	16/61	12/53/r	14/57	9/48/r	17/62	3/48/c
Tokyo	26/79	23/73/pc	27/80	26/79/r	31/88	26/79/c
Toronto	31/88	19/66/s	32/89	19/64/pc	30/86	18/64/pc
Vienna	24/75	12/53/s	24/75	13/55/pc	23/73	14/57/s
Warsaw	23/73	12/53/pc	24/75	11/52/pc	22/71	13/55/pc
Washington	33/91	23/73/pc	33/91	24/75/pc	32/89	23/73/pc
Zurich	20/68	9/48/pc	22/71	12/53/pc	23/73	14/57/pc

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